

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
July 24, 2012**

**In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, Miles Sinclair, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)**

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of July 10 as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES**

Administrative Inspection Warrant

The court signed the warrant Tuesday, July 17 and the inspection of the Tolman junkyard was conducted on Thursday, July 19. Mr. Tolman was not present but his daughter and son-in-law were on hand as well as Kevin Maass who has been doing cleanup work for Mr. Tolman. They were able to agree on the approximate number of vehicles still remaining on the property; 40-50 vehicles and parts comprising of a vehicle. Miles wanted to thank Mr. Maass publically for the work he has done thus far. Because Mr. Tolman would like to retain some of these vehicles he is now expressing interest in being licensed which has always been an option for him. An understanding with Ken Knowlton for a follow-up inspection has been arranged. Miles believes the meeting went well.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Groton Wind Request re: Issuance of Letter of Credit

Iberdrola is requesting a waiver of one year from date of operation or December 31, 2013, whichever comes first, before issuing a letter of credit for decommissioning. This provision was triggered when the Company's credit rating dropped one level from A- to BBB+. The cost to issue a \$600,000 letter of credit is approximately \$4,500 per year. The Board does not know if this ties up any additional Company funds. Kyle and Christina expressed that they would be willing to discuss a shorter time period (one year is too long) but are not yet convinced that granting a waiver is in the Town's best interest. This provision of the Decommissioning Guarantee was arrived at after a long hard battle, and the final agreement states that a letter of credit would be issued if the Company's credit rating dropped below an A-. Miles stated that his biggest concern is there is no upside to the Town in this. Instead it puts the Town at risk. He would like to accommodate the Company as they have been great to work with. But nobody knows how the economy will go. Spain may get down graded further. And although he does not believe that they will need funds for decommissioning anytime soon he is not willing to waive this for any period of time. The Board agreed to deny the Company's request. They will send a letter explaining their reasons. In the mean time Pam will email Ed Cherian giving him and the Company notice of the decision. This will trigger the 60 day requirement to submit the letter of credit.

### Town Garage/Library Grant

The Board agreed that Pam will be listed as the primary contact and Christina as the secondary contact on the grant application. The cost benefit analysis for this project came back very high which is favorable for the Town.

### Junkyard Inspection Reports

The Board reviewed the Junkyard inspection reports. One property owner is now in compliance and several others are continuing the cleanup process. The only action will be to re-inspect the properties in August. The results of that inspection will determine what action will be taken.

### Treasurer Deposit Schedule

**Kyle motioned to sign the Treasurer's Deposit Schedule, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Building Permit for Gallant, Map 1 Lot 78, North Groton Road

**Miles motioned to sign the Building Permit for Gallant, Map 1 Lot 78, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Bruce Barnard: Septic Plans for Vintage Lands LLC, Map 5 Lot 29, Sculptured Rocks Road

Bruce Barnard submitted 3 septic plans for 154 Sculptured Rocks Roads. The proposed subdivision for this lot is currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. He explained that the State must approve subdivisions that include new lots under 5 acres. They will only do this if each lot will sustain a State approved septic system. These proposed septic plans would be submitted to the State along with the proposed subdivision plans. Someone from the Department of Environmental Services then comes out to the property to verify. Once approved by the State, they can move forward with the subdivision.

**Christina motioned to sign the septic plans for Vintage Lands LLC, Map 5 Lot 29, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Septic Plans for Holland, Map 1 Lot 54-3, North Groton Road

**Kyle motioned to sign the septic plans for Holland, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Electronic Equipment Disposal

For anyone looking to dispose of electronic equipment, Richard Smith from Warren will take it at no cost. This includes TVs, video players etc. He can be reached at 764-5535.

### Supplemental Intent to Cut for Green Acre Woodlands, Map 1 Lot 29

**Christina motioned to sign the supplemental intent to cut for Green Acre Woodlands, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Groton Historical Society

**Christina motioned to approve the Groton Historical Society's request to use the Town Hall on Sunday, October 21 for a presentation on one-room schoolhouses, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Ken Gould: Disposal Agreement

**Kyle motioned to sign the disposal agreement for Ken Gould, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Confirmation of Work Session

The Board will meet with Bob Berti at 5 pm on August 7 at the Town House.

### Old Home Day

As part of this year's Old Home Day (OHD) celebration the Town will put on a fireworks display at dusk at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park. The Local Government Center has confirmed that the Town is covered for any liability issues. They would like the Fire Chief to take a look at the site. Chief Pivrotto suggested that the Town notify the property owners who live in the neighborhood. The Board agreed to notify anyone living within ¼ mile of the park. They asked Glen Hansen to get Fire Chief Roger Thompson's approval for the site and report back to the Board and the OHD committee.

Groton Wind has agreed to sponsor this year's OHD celebration for \$500.

### Administrative Office of the Courts Request for Check Stop Payment and Reissue

In February of this year the Administrative Office of the Courts issued a check for \$250 to the Town for a court case that took place in the 90's. The Town did not receive the check. **Christina motioned to sign the request for stop payment and reissue, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The Board asked Chief Pivrotto to clarify what the money is for before determining if it will go into the General Fund or the Police Revolving account.

### Light Fixture for Porch

The Board asked Pam to go through a few light fixture catalogues and present them with some options for a new light fixture for the porch.

### Chief Pivrotto: video surveillance

Chief Pivrotto stated that he has a safety concern with the two women working in the offices upstairs. He would like the Board to consider installing some video surveillance equipment. When they are upstairs alone they do not know who is downstairs. Someone can come into the building without their knowledge. The Town Clerk has had some people upset and shouting at her. If she runs into someone who is giving her a hard time it will be on video. Another concern is armed robbery which is on the rise and spreading north. A video surveillance system can be a great deterrent. He also asked them to consider surveillance equipment for the Transfer Station. The Board is willing to present this to the people as a warrant article. The Chief says he will speak in support of it at Town Meeting if they want him to.

The Plymouth Police Department has invited Groton to participate in a canine program. Chief Pivrotto will be attending an information/training session. These dogs are good for searches: drugs, cars, buildings, etc. He would like for the Town to be involved. The Board responded that if this is something that would benefit the Town it would go before the people at Town Meeting.

Joe Pivrotto stated that the window size on the new Police Department doors is okay for the back door but too small for the front door. These doors are special order and the contractor told him they cannot be

returned. The Chief would like to investigate what his options are for having a larger window put in. The Board believes that the contractor should be able to return this door and they would like the Chief to pursue this with him.

**Christina motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a,c), Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Miles motioned to return to public session at 9:55pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:56pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant