

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
September 4, 2012**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Miles motioned to approve the minutes of August 21 as written, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Response to Letter from School Board Re: Policy Clarification

**Christina motioned to sign the letter to the School Board, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Groton Wind Letter of Credit Form

Attorney Spector-Morgan reviewed the form and gave the Board some recommendations to change some wording and incorporate some additional language into the form. The Board would like these recommendations included in the document, have the company fill in any additional blank spaces and resubmit the form for their review.

Perambulation

The Board set September 22 with a rain date of the 29<sup>th</sup> to walk the Groton/Plymouth town line. Start times are 9:00am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and around 10:00am on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Pam will contact Ed Cherian regarding permission to access a starting point via the Wind Farm.

Solar Light for Flag

The Board reviewed the options and chose the light which can be mounted to the pole.

Road Agent Work Schedule

The Board had requested that the Road Agent submit a written schedule of proposed work for the remainder of the construction season. As he has not yet submitted anything they set a deadline of September 11 by 4pm.

Disposition of Town Properties

After looking at the paper work for Map 10-32, a survey done by John French and some notes made by Eben Beaver, the Board determined that this lot does not exist. They will look at an acknowledgement Pam drafted to have recorded at the Registry. The 2 properties on Dodge Road will be listed with a realtor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2012 MS-1

**Christina motioned to sign the 2012 MS-1, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Schedule Work Session For Election Day

A Select Board work session has been scheduled for 4pm.

### River Road Cemetery Expansion

The initial survey done by Alan Barnard leaves Patti Bailey with less than 10 acres. She had requested that she have at least 10 acres in order to have the option to put her property in current use. The Board agreed to adjust the rear boundary line of the new lot just enough so that she retains her 10 acres.

### Junkyard Reports/Budget

The Board reviewed the junkyard reports from the Junkyard Dog's most recent inspections.

Map 2 Lot 7, Lane: send a letter clarifying ownership of the equipment stored on the property as it presents a potential violation. This property was in violation in the past and equipment is being stored there once again.

Map 2 Lot 20, Fleming: send a letter expressing appreciation for the work done to date and stressing the need to complete the task.

Map 2 Lot 30, Hansen: referred to Town attorney who will give 30 days before filing with the court.

Map 5 Lot 51, Greenwood: referred to Town attorney who will give 30 days before filing with the court.

Map 6 Lot 37, Kolomick: send more strongly worded letter. This property was in violation in the past, had come into compliance but is in violation again.

The junkyard inspections budget line has been exceeded. The Board would like Mr. Knowlton to conduct an early October inspection as well as the scheduled September Tolman inspection. There are sufficient funds in the junkyard legal line to cover this.

### Meredith Village Savings Bank Debit/Credit Card

The Board will investigate a possible alternative to using the debit/credit card for online purchases etc. Until then the new debit/credit card will be activated and used.

### 2013 Budget Memo

Initial budget proposals are due by September 28.

### Timbervest Map Change Request

Timbervest has requested that the Town adjust the Tax Map for two (2) of their lots off Province Road. They are not claiming that the acreage is different only that the lines as depicted on the map are not in the correct location. Avitar reviewed the documents submitted by Timbervest for the Board's review and recommends that no changes are made until a survey of the property is submitted. Old Town tax maps show one lot in its current configuration. The 2<sup>nd</sup> lot was changed between 2000 and 2004 but there is no supporting documentation to show the reason for the change. At this time the Board agrees with Avitar's recommendation. Pam will draft a letter to Timbervest and include a copy of Avitar's letter recommending the submission of a survey.

### Kirk Request for Extension

George Kirk requested an extension to install the fencing and gate needed to be in compliance with the Groton Junkyard Ordinance and receive his license. In a letter addressed to the Board he stated that he has the fencing and gate but due to personal injury he is requesting until the end of September to do the installation. Board agreed to give him a September 30 deadline. Any additional time will not be granted.

### Interior Inspection Request for River Road Tax Deeded Property

The Board would like Avitar to do an interior inspection of the Town's property on 139 River Road but due to the condition of the other structure at 67 River Road they do not want anyone to go inside. Kyle will try to get into the first property and, at his discretion, install a new pad lock. He will do the same for the Town's property on North Groton Road, and cut back some brush so the cruiser can access the buildings for routine patrol. He would like a police officer to accompany him when he goes into the buildings at both locations.

### Worker's Comp Credit

The Board would like the Local Government Center to issue a refund check instead of having the money credited to the Town's account.

### Public Works Employee Memorial

The New Hampshire Public Works Committee will be constructing an employee memorial in recognition of public works employees who were killed while in the course of performing their public duties. If anyone knows if Groton ever had one of its Highway Department employees die while performing their public duties please let the Board know so they can forward this information to the Committee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief Pivrotto brought two issues to the audience's attention:

1. The department has been receiving calls from property owners along Halls Brook Road who are concerned about the number of people crossing their properties in order to access the Wind Farm. He reminded the audience that this is trespassing.
2. The number of burglaries in the area is increasing. Please contact the Police Department if you see anything suspicious.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

The Road Committee has a meeting scheduled for September 5.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Helen Santoro expressed concern regarding the guard posts near the culvert that runs under the road near the North Groton Cemetery. Initially there were four posts and now only two remain. Pam will pass this information on to the Road Agent.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:56pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant