

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
November 13, 2012**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Christina opened the Public Hearing for review of the proposed welfare guidelines. She gave a brief explanation of the process the Board went through formulating the guidelines. The Board agreed to insert the definition for household member into the guidelines. They reviewed the voucher and monthly maximum allotment levels addendum. There were no questions from the audience. **Miles motioned to sign the Welfare Guidelines and Addendum once the paperwork is complete, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Christina closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of October 31 as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES**

Town House Central Air Conditioner

Miles explained that he was told by a former Select Board member that the contractor had never finished the job and that the Town had done what they needed civilly in order to get this resolved, and that there was a warrant issued for the contractor's arrest. The Board recently looked at the file and asked the Police Chief to look into the case. The Chief reported that the former Board did not follow through with the paperwork and the court dismissed the case. The statute of limitations has expired and the Town will not be able to recoup any costs.

Groton/Plymouth Perambulation

The Select Board was able to get the Groton/Plymouth line perambulated. A number of photos were taken, all the monuments were repainted, trees re-blazed, and the Town now has all the GPS points. A complete report will be submitted for the Town's records.

Power Line Spraying Prohibition

Both warrant articles regarding spraying say power lines. Miles asked for a copy of the minutes from 1972 to see if there was some discussion regarding the intent: does the term 'power lines' also include the electric lines along the road sides.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Disposition of Cabinets in Meeting Room

The Board will rearrange some of the cabinets in the kitchen to make room for the additional set. Kyle

and Miles will do the work. The date to do this will be set in the future.

#### Future 2012 Tolman Inspections

The Junkyard Dog inspected the Tolman property last week. There has been a significant amount of clean-up work accomplished. As the junkyard compliance budget line has been expended for this year the Board agreed to wait until next year for the any additional inspections. The family has given assurances that they will continue to clean up until snow flies.

#### Follow Up on Junkyard 30 Day Letters

Thus far there have been no changes on the Fleming and Kolomick properties. **Miles motioned to table this until next week after the 30 day deadline has passed and they have a chance to review the properties again, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Listing Agreements/Property Disclosure

**Christina motioned to sign the property disclosure documents for Map 6 lots 87 and 88, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** These two lots will be listed for sale with Old Mill Properties.

#### Listing Map 7 Lot 36

This property was taken for non payment of taxes from an unknown owner. As they have run into issues in the past regarding the ownership of these properties, the Board would like to do some additional research before making a decision to list the lot. **Kyle motioned to not list this property, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Submissions for Annual Town Report

Submissions for the Annual Town Report are due by Friday, December 28.

#### Salt Shed Roof

Miles noticed that the ridge cap on half of the salt shed roof is peeled back allowing some rain to get it. He volunteered to go up on the roof and repair it. Ron Madan will donate the roofing screws. The date to do this will be set next week. The transfer station roof needs some repair work as well but it needs to be reinforced first. Miles will take a look at it and report to the Board.

#### FEMA: Sandy Reimbursement

FEMA will only reimburse for emergency preventative measures which amounts to 75% of about \$350 for Groton. The Board does not feel that this is worth pursuing considering the time and paperwork needed to receive the reimbursement.

#### My Pharmacy Saver

The Board received some literature from My Pharmacy Saver regarding a program that provides residents with a discount card to use for prescriptions. It is free to all residents and the Town receives a donation from the pharmacy every time a resident uses the card. The Board would like to meet with a representative of the Company to discuss this further.

### Green Acre Woodlands Tax Refund/Abatement

Green Acre Woodlands (GAW) and Joyce and Gordon Coursey did a lot line adjustment that included a small triangle of land (approximately .08 acres) that had no map and lot number. The land was owned by the Courseys and became a part of GAW land, Map 9 Lot 8, in the boundary adjustment. However, the assessing department inadvertently created a new lot for the .08 acres and a tax bill of \$15 was generated in the final tax warrant. As this land is already included in lot 8, **Christina motioned to sign the tax refund/abatement for GAW, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** There is no money exchanged in this abatement as the office caught the error before the tax bills were sent.

### Senior's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The senior's annual Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday, November 18 from 12-2pm at the Town Hall.

### Intent to Cut for Belanger, Bailey Hill Road

**Kyle motioned to sign the intent to cut for Belanger, Map 1 Lot 48 sub lots 8 & 9, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted.**

### Recommendation for Supplemental Warrant for Time Warner Cable

Gary Roberge of Avitar is recommending that the Board generate a warrant to tax the cable company for public right of way. As the Town is already in litigation with the phone company the Board felt it prudent to seek legal counsel before doing this.

### Main Security Surveillance Maintenance Contract

**Christina motioned to sign the Main Security Surveillance maintenance contract, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Budget Work Sessions

The Board scheduled work sessions to begin at 5pm on Tuesdays for proposed budget review. Pam will schedule times with the Road Agent, Police Chief and Town Clerk.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jan Collins, a trustee for the Newfound Lake Region Association, called the office to report that a Groton resident had spoken with her regarding some concerns about work that is taking place near Punch Brook. As the Town has no zoning or ordinances regarding setbacks and there have been no building permits issued, the Board suggested that Ms. Collins contact the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The property owner has received approval from DES for the installation of a septic system.

### Perambulation

The Board agreed to approach the Towns of Hebron and Alexandria regarding perambulating the town lines next year. Miles stated that he had spoken with Alan Barnard and it is Miles' understanding that GPS points for all the town corner locations could be made available to the Town by Alan Barnard for a fee to be determined.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant