

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
November 27, 2012**

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

**Audience Members Present**

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

Miles asked to amend the minutes under the section entitled Transfer Station to read "Miles stated that a resident has asked" changing it from plural residents to singular.

**Miles motioned to amend the minutes as noted, Christian 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted. Miles motioned to approve the minutes of November 20 as amended, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Beth Musto: Fleming lot

Ms. Musto addressed the Board. She stated that her fiancé, Tim Pilcher, has a purchase and sales agreement with Earle Fleming for his property on North Groton Road. In the sales agreement there is money held in escrow for the trailers to be removed from the property within two (2) weeks from the date of the execution of the contract. If Mr. Fleming does not accomplish this within that time period Mr. Pilcher will use that money to remove the trailers. It is her understanding that the Board made the decision to forward this to the Town's attorney for action. Mr. Pilcher would like them to consider holding off until the middle of December to give him the opportunity to get the trailers removed. The Board will give Mr. Pilcher the opportunity to remove the trailers but would like to have a copy of the purchase and sales agreement with the above mentioned provisions on file in the office. Ms. Musto agreed to supply this.

My Pharmacy Saver Card

The CO-OP is offering a pharmacy card to all its members. This is similar to the card that My Pharmacy Saver offers. The Board still wants to pursue using My Pharmacy Saver as this program provides a donation to the Town each time the card is used. Kyle stated that the CO-OP is probably doing this for the same reason. Pam has put in a call to the Gorham, Maine, Town Manager regarding their experiences with My Pharmacy Saver.

Bob Berti

The Board has not heard back from Bob Berti regarding the 6+/- acre lot across from the Transfer Station. Mr. Berti was to going to have some plans for the proposed lot configuration drawn up for the Board's review/acceptance. Pam will contact him.

Transfer Station

Kyle reported that they do not make a colored reflective paint, only clear. This would require painting the blocks with a colored paint and covering that with a clear reflective coat. In addition, this reflective paint only comes is a spray can and it might be too cold right now for the paint. Another option is using some

type of reflectors and attaching them with liquid nails. He does not believe that the cold will be a problem for the liquid nails. Joe Koslow reported that Ken Gould is saying that the resident who brought this up is not saying that he cannot see the barriers, but that it is so dark he cannot see where he is throwing his garbage. Miles stated that he spoke directly with the resident and this was not his understanding. The problem is that he cannot see the block and has had a couple of close calls as far as backing into them.

The Board also discussed using reflective strips. Pam will look online and Kyle will check Tractor Supply.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed whether or not a building permit is required for a foundation. Miles relayed that a few years ago when he was a new member of the Board, they had allowed a resident to construct a foundation while waiting for their septic plans to be completed. The resident was dealing with some physical issues as well as a time crunch. He was asking the Board to make an exception and allow them to do their foundation. During their conversation a few examples were given of the Town allowing foundations to be put in before getting a building permit. The Board realized that this was something that needed to be addressed in the guidelines but for the time they did not believe an exception was required as prior Boards had already allowed foundations to be put in without the need for a permit. Unfortunately this issue has not been revisited. Now, as a more seasoned Board member, Miles believes they made the wrong decision. The resident might have been deserving of an exception but the decision made was there was no need for a permit. The guidelines say “any new construction”. The word any is all encompassing. He also does not believe that the Board is bound by actions of prior Boards nor by his own prior decisions if he comes to realize that they were not the correct decisions to make, nor that they must continue to make the same mistake in perpetuity for the sake of consistency. Kyle concurred and stated that on occasion all that is ever built is a foundation and people live in it. The Board agreed that from this point forward the policy will be that a building permit is required for the foundation, and they will clarify the language in the guidelines. In addition, they will send a letter and permit application to the property owner on North Groton Road who has just poured their foundation.

Slim Spafford requested that the building permit signs be put up. The Board asked Pam to relay to the Road Agent that unless he is occupied with inclement weather they would like the signs to be put up within the next 2 weeks.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Health Officer Chuck Stata responded to the Board’s request to investigate the septic usage of the travel trailers on Map 5 Lot 64. Mr. Stata stated that the septic on the property restricts them to 2 units hooked up, one trailer and the toilet in the shed. State law does not address anything about moving the connections as long as there are only 2 at a time, nor the number of people using it. Currently there are 2 trailers on the lot and one is hooked into the septic system. However when the other trailer needs to be dumped they switch them out. Mr. Stata stated that even though the law does not address this the Town could through an ordinance. He would like to meet with the Board to discuss some other items in the current Health Guidelines and this. A work session with Mr. Stata will be scheduled once the Board finishes the budget process.

Mr. Stata asked whether or not a building permit was needed to put an attached peaked roof on a trailer. The Board said no because it does not expand on the footprint. The property owner must report this on their annual inventory.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel