

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

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

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of November 27 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Ed Cherian, Iberdrola Renewables Project Developer thanked the Board and the Town for patience during the construction of the project. He introduced Groton Wind Project Manager Ryan Haley. Mr. Haley is one of Iberdrola's top wind farm managers and comes with many years of experience. He is also the Project Manager for the Lempster wind farm. Mr. Haley stated that ISO New England is currently doing some studies for the substation and is restricting them to 10 megawatts of production until those studies are complete. Although he did not have an exact date for the completion of these studies both he and Mr. Cherian stated that all turbines will be ready to go and the wind farm will begin commercial operation by December 31. Mr. Cherian reported that the Department of Environmental Services inspected the site last week and will re-inspect again in the spring. There is about one month's worth of site work remaining. Regarding an open house; he is unsure whether the Company will do a full open house as they have in the past or if they will have something just for the townspeople of Groton that would include a bus tour.

Regarding access to the site; the Company has safety requirements in their agreement with the Town and in the State permit. The main access way is gated and they do not want anyone in the vicinity of the actual turbines themselves, which will be posted as restricted. As far as access to the property for hiking, fishing etc., this is up to the property owners. Their main concern is that snowmobilers, hikers, etc stay out of the immediate turbine area.

Regarding the Town's first payment for a partial PILOT year; Ed will contact Pam with details for invoicing, payment and whether this first payment is prorated.

For 911 purposes, Groton Wind will leave the naming of the access roads up to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

My Pharmacy Saver Card

The Town received a response from Gorham, Maine regarding the My Pharmacy Saver program. Although Gorham has not received much revenue they have not had any problems with the program and are pleased to offer it to their residents. The Board will pursue this even though the revenue stream will be limited as it will be an additional benefit to the residents. Pam will contact the program to have the contract information forwarded to the Board for review.

Building Permit Violation Letter

Kyle motioned to sign the letter to Morgan regarding the building permit violation, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Transfer Station

Miles spoke again with the person who made the complaint regarding the lighting of the recyclables disposal area and reported that it is a combination of difficulty seeing the blocks and the dumping area. Before seeking remedies the Board agreed to table this until next week while Miles conducts a site visit this Wednesday around 7:00pm to take another look at any potential lighting issue. Also, there are alternatives such as pulling forward and using headlights for lighting instead of backing into the area.

Kyle announced that attendant George Evirs is doing a great good job patching the holes in the walls of the Transfer Station office.

Salt Shed Roof

Kyle and Miles will repair the salt shed roof this Thursday at 3:00pm. Kyle will supply his ladder.

Confirm Work Session Dates for December

The Board will have budget work sessions beginning at 5:30pm on Tuesday, December 11 and 18. The warrant article submission due date for Departments/Committees is the same as last year. Pam will prepare and send a memo.

Supplemental Tax Bill for TWC

The Town's attorney does not recommend generating a supplemental tax bill to Time Warner Cable for their use of the public right of way as FairPoint is currently in a court case about the new exclusion to the pole tax. They suggest letting the court decide the FairPoint case first. The Board agreed.

Cemetery Annex

The Board would like the attorney to draw up a warranty deed, not a quit claim deed, for the new River Road Cemetery annex. The Annex will be known as the Jenny DeCoste Smith Annex.

NEW BUSINESS

Amended Septic Plans for Watson

Christina motioned to sign the amended septic plans for Watson, Map 6 Lot 22-1, Rogers Road, Miles 2nd, so voted.

2013 Medical/Dental Rates Transmittal

Kyle motioned to sign the 2013 Medical and Dental Rate transmittal, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Map 10 Lot 40

While looking through some paperwork in the basement Pam came across an original Tax Collector's deed dated 1994 for what is now Map 10 Lot 40. For some reason this lot remained listed as unknown ownership in all of the Town's records, and the Board recently took it by tax deed after conducting research on the lot. This included contacting Attorney Deachman who had researched the ownership of the lot a number of years ago. The Board will seek comment from the Town's attorney regarding this additional deeding.

Dehumidifier

Miles stated that his wife has offered the use of her dehumidifier on a trial basis to the Town as a way to mitigate the problem with moisture in the basement of the Town House. Kyle and Christina agreed to try it before making a decision regarding its purchase. Miles abstained.

Letter of Commendation for Road Agent

Pam Crosby submitted an email to the Board commending the Road Agent and his crew for the work they have done on the roads. She stated that Mr. Hansen's knowledge of road building and paving make him an asset to the Town.

End of Year/New Year Select Board Meetings

There will be no Select Board meetings on December 25 and January 1. The Board scheduled a tentative work session for Thursday, December 27, time to be determined.

Christina motioned to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a,d,e) at 8:10pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to return to public session at 8:45pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:46pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel