

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
January 15, 2013**

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

**Absent: Christina Goodwin**

**Audience Members Present**

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of January 8 as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Bob Berti and Alan Barnard addressed the Board. Mr. Berti has asked Mr. Barnard to survey the lot across from the Transfer Station. They met with Bruce Haskell from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss the driveway access to the lot. DOT has strongly suggested that the current driveway be moved northward and they would prefer only one driveway be used. Mr. Berti said that Green Acre Woodlands must have access to the backland and they are willing to have a shared driveway. Mr. Barnard showed the Board a few options regarding possible access. There is also the possibility of cutting down the bank and tree line which will increase visibility and possibly allow for use of the current driveway. Mr. Barnard will set up a meeting with DOT, the Select Board, Mr. Berti and the Road Agent to discuss all options. He also pointed out some additional usable land on the other end of the lot that would be deeded to the Town in place of some of the ledge.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Hebron Fire/EMS Contract Proposal

The Town of Hebron sent a letter rejecting Groton's counter proposal stating that they feel the increase to \$30,000 a year (an increase of \$5,000) for Fire/EMS services is justified. The Board was looking to minimize the increase by phasing it in. This would have saved the Town a little less than \$5,000 over the 3 years but also provide Hebron with some additional income in the third year. They have agreed to sign this contract and will draft a letter of response. The Board also noted that the Town of Rumney is looking for a possible increase by way of a personnel payments increase and minimum call time. The Board will continue to put forth the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund on the warrant for the Town's consideration. Miles noted that the Hebron Fire budget has increased 54% since 2006. Chuck Stata suggested that the Board make the Planning Board aware of this as they are working on the Master Plan and one area of the Plan deals with fire service.

Budget Hearing Snow Date

Snow date for the budget hearing is February 6 at 6:00pm with the Select Board meeting to commence immediately following.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Town Office Positions Available

The following Town Office positions are available for election this year:

- Select Board 3 year term
- Road Agent 3 year term
- Library Trustee 3 year term
- Planning Board two 3 year terms
- Cemetery Trustee 3 year term
- Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 year term
- Zoning Board two 3 year terms and one 2 year term
- Town Auditor 1 year term

Filing period begins Wednesday, January 23 through Friday, February 1. Contact the Town Clerk for additional information.

### Andover Geologic Consulting Services for 2013

Suzanne Wall from Andover Geologic Consulting Services submitted her 2013 contract proposal. She asked for a \$300 increase as this is a permitting year, and suggested that the Board set aside \$1,000 for additional lab testing and subsequent reporting. The manganese levels at the Transfer Station have been elevated (possibly artificially). The additional testing may possibly determine the cause and, depending upon the findings, could result in a lowering or eliminating of future testing. Chuck Stata suggested looking into the removal of the test well located on the property across from the Transfer Station thus avoiding any potential issues with development on the lot.

**Miles motioned to sign the 2013 Andover Geologic Contract, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** The Board agreed to budget the additional \$1,000 as well.

### Newfound Area School District (NASD) Request to Use Building

The NASD will be holding a public hearing on February 16, at 6:00pm at the Town House to discuss a petitioned warrant article that would eliminate the tax cap approved last year.

### Schedule Interviews for Road Agent Assistant

The Board will have Glen Hansen review the applications first. Interviews will be held Wednesday, January 23 beginning at 5:00pm.

### Fred Fuller Oil

Last Thursday night the furnace in the Town House broke down. Fuller Oil was contacted for an emergency service call. Miles noted that when the service tech was pumping out some fuel from the tank it was black and the filter was clogged. The service tech indicated that the fuel was black from the sediment in the tank. The Board believes this could be due to sediment in the oil Fuller is delivering. The unit was last serviced in November 2011. Miles does not believe it should clog in a year's time. The Board would like to reach out to Fuller regarding this fact and ask if the Company will do something about the service bill as the unit was serviced a little over a year ago. Chuck Stata stated that perhaps this would be a good time to consider conversion to propane.

Budget Work Session(s)

The Board scheduled a budget work session for Tuesday, January 22 at 5:00pm, and a second session following the interviews scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Miles motioned to adjourn at 7:54pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel