

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
May 14, 2013**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Solid Waste/Recyclables Bids

Three companies submitted bids for the removal of Groton's Solid Waste and Recyclables: Waste Management, Whitcher and Casella. The Board also received a letter from Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) asking to delay opening the bids until the Town of Concord and the Concord Cooperative sign a contract for Solid Waste Disposal. Rick Belanger, who operates a Solid Waste disposal business in the Epsom area, stated that this contract does not have anything to do with the Town of Groton. The Select Board concurred and agreed to proceed as scheduled with the bid opening.

Two representatives from Casella were present. No representatives from Waste Management or Whitcher were present. The Board opened the three bids and briefly reviewed them, focusing primarily on the Casella bid as they had some questions for the representatives. The Board will look over the bids during the next two weeks and make a decision no later than May 28.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of May 7 as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee (KHPAC)

Miles reported that Chuck Stata, Chairman of the KHPAC, has requested that the Board clarify the limits of the Committee's authority as far as what they can do with or without the Select Board's approval. The Board agreed that the Committee has the authority to perform whatever research they believe is appropriate in order to make an informed decision &/or recommendation to the townspeople but has no funds to expend without prior Select Board approval. At any point should the Committee determine that funds are needed the Board is open to that discussion.

Cemetery Access Road (Rolfe Cemetery)

The Road Agent recommends purchasing ¾ inch blue stone from Pike in Lebanon to finish the surface of the access way. He would like to use the Town truck instead of paying a delivery fee. The Board asked him to do the math for both options and then choose the most cost effective way to do the project.

Groton/Plymouth Perambulation

The Board will wait until the end of the month for Plymouth to sign off on the Groton/Plymouth Perambulation. Should they not hear from them by that time they will make a final decision on whether or not to file the Return of Perambulation without Plymouth's signature.

### Groton/Alexandria Perambulation

Christina and Kyle met with the Alexandria Board during a work session earlier today. The Boards reviewed the quotes for survey work submitted by Colin Brown and Alan Barnard. Alexandria has agreed to move forward with the perambulation, splitting the cost with the Town of Groton, and to hire Alan Barnard to do the survey work. They will have an official vote tonight. **Christina motioned to move forward with the Groton/Alexandria perambulation and hire Alan Barnard as the surveyor, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Rick Belanger

Rick Belanger, 84 Bailey Hill Road, approached the Board to offer his help doing some ditching work along the Town portion of Bailey Hill Road. He presented the Board with a letter of recommendation from the Epsom Road Agent. He stated that he is not looking to take the Road Agent's job. He would do the work in exchange for keeping the fill. Glen Hansen expressed some concerns including his inability to be there supervising the work while doing his other work and the precedent this will set. Glen mentioned that the State does not allow this to be done as there are too many potential issues. Mr. Belanger responded that he understands Glen's concerns, but he feels that he would be like a private contractor submitting a certificate of insurance, which removes the liability to the Town. The Board agreed that this would set a precedent that could cause a number of potential future issues and they were not able to approve. This has nothing to do with Mr. Belanger's competency. Glen stated that there is the potential for Mr. Belanger to have the fill that is excavated during the upcoming road project on North Groton Road disposed of on his property. **Miles motioned to sign the disposal agreement, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Park Port-a-Potty

The port-a-potty will be installed at the park as soon as possible.

#### 2013 Spring Tax Warrant

**Christina motioned to sign the 2013 Property Tax Warrant, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

#### Groton Wind PILOT quarterly Invoice

The Board reviewed the quarterly invoice for payment from Groton Wind, LLC. Invoice amount is \$132,000.

#### Groton Historical Society

The Board granted permission to the Historical Society to use the sound equipment for their Memorial Day Veteran's celebration.

#### Equalization Seminar

The Department of Revenue (DRA) is offering an equalization seminar in Franconia on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00pm. The Board believes that it is beneficial that someone attend this seminar. They agreed that the Administrative Assistant will attend and there will be no Select Board meeting that evening.

Request for Information regarding Right-of-Way (ROW) Pole Tenants or Conduit Users

**Kyle motioned to sign the request for information letters for the ROW of Way Pole Tenants and Conduit Users, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Neil McIver

Mr. McIver submitted a proposal to the Board and Road Agent for a stream crossing (Hardy Brook) to the conservation area/pond located behind the garage. After some discussion it was agreed that a few alterations were necessary. Mr. McIver will have the alterations completed and the application to the Department of Environmental Services ready for the Board's signature by May 28.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Road Agent will be shimming approximately 500 feet of North Groton Road beginning at the Groton/Dorchester town line.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

The Old Home Day Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 4 pm. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to attend.

Christina announced that the Road Committee recommendation for this year's work/bid specifications will be submitted to the Board by the end of the week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Miles announced that a member of his family has been diagnosed with a serious illness. He wanted the public to know that there could potentially be an impact on his ability to continue to serve the community in his current capacity. He asked that the family's privacy be respected.

**Christina motioned to go into non public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 8:52pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Christina motioned to return to public session at 9:10pm, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 9:11pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel