

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
July 30, 2013**

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

Audience Members Present

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of July 9 as written, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Christina motioned to approve the minutes of July 16 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted, Kyle abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

UPDATES

North Groton Road Reconstruction Project

The North Groton Road Reconstruction Project bid was awarded to D. A. White Excavating LLC. The projected start date is August 12. The Board has requested that signs be posted in advance so townspeople will know when to expect delays.

OLD BUSINESS

KHPAC/TimberVest Confidentiality Agreement

Miles motioned to sign the KHPAC/TimberVest Confidentiality Agreement, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Casella Contract

The Board signed the Casella and the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District contracts.

Intent to Cut for Easson, Map 1 Lot 22

A bond has been posted for this Intent to Cut. **Christina motioned to sign the notice of Intent to Cut for Easson, Map 1 lot 22, Kyle 2nd, so voted.**

Dehumidifier

Christina motioned to issue a check for \$50 for the purchase of the dehumidifier, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Miles recusing due to a possible conflict of interest as the dehumidifier belongs to a family member. The dehumidifier has been working and keeping the dampness out of the cellar area.

Transfer Station Entranceway

A condition of the driveway permit issued by the Department of Transportation for the entrance-way to the overflow and recycling containers requires that a flagger be present when using the entrance way.

This has not been enforced for several years. The Board would like to have the State revisit this.

Remaining Groton Wind Legal/Expert Funds

These funds were donated by Iberdrola for the Town to use for/during the contract negotiations etc., prior to the Wind Farm's commercial operation. The Board agrees that they are now beyond that process and will contact Ed Cherian to determine if the Company would like the unused funds returned.

NEW BUSINESS

Neil McIver

Wetland Permit Application

Neil McIver met with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) reviewer regarding the plans submitted for the crossing to the Town Pond. The reviewer has given her verbal approval based upon some clarification language to be added to the plan, assuring him that this will address all concerns and the plan will be approved. Mr. McIver has added this language and will resubmit the plan after this meeting with the Board.

Amended Septic Design for Santoro, Map 2 Lot 19

Kyle motioned to sign the amended septic plans for Helen Santoro, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Junkyard

Christina motioned to sign the junkyard letters, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Decal for Highway Department Vehicles

The Road Agent submitted a sketch for a new decal for the Highway Department vehicles. The Board is fine with proposed decal. Glen will get quotes.

Possible Building Permit Violation

It has come to the Board's attention that John Fitzpatrick, 17 Karkheck Lane, has built a small ranch, added a 14 x 14 addition to an existing building and altered a permitted plan to build a garage and instead built a garage along with a 10 x 16 storage area and a 16 x 14 room without the necessary permits including building permit, Public Utilities Energy Code approval and septic approval. A review of Mr. Fitzpatrick's file shows that this is the second time he has built a structure without getting the necessary approvals first. **Christina motioned to send a sterner letter with a 2 week deadline for Mr. Fitzpatrick to respond by either contacting the Board to arrange a meeting or submitting a written response, Miles 2nd, so voted.**

Appointment with School Board Chairman

The Board confirmed an appointment with School Board Chairman Vincent Migliori for Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00pm. Mr. Migliori will be introducing the School District's new Superintendent Stacy Buckley.

OTHER BUSINESS

Highway Department 6-Wheeler

The new Highway Department 6-wheeler broke down while hauling 8 tons of asphalt. This is not the first time the truck has broken down and this is the second time it has stranded the Town. The Board does not feel that the Town should be responsible for the loss in asphalt, employee hours, etc. They will contact International representative James Ramsey by phone followed by a letter, and look into the Lemon Law to determine whether or not it applies to a commercial vehicle.

Letter of Resignation

Christina read her letter of resignation as a Library Trustee effective as soon as a replacement is located or by September 30, 2013, whichever comes first. She also reported that Annie Tobine tendered her resignation to her over the phone. Anyone wishing to fill these positions should contact the Select Board's office.

Miles motioned to accept Christina's resignation with regret along with thanks for what she has done for the Town, Kyle 2nd, so voted, Christina abstaining.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The next Library Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20 at 4pm.

The next Old Home Day Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at 4pm.

Christina motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d) at 8:30 pm, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Christina motioned to return to public session at 8:47 pm, Miles 2nd, so voted.

Library Trustees

The Library Trustees would like to take the Library circulation desk out of storage and fit it into the Library if there is sufficient space. They will remove some book shelves and the desk currently in the library in order to make room. Should they be unable to utilize the circulation desk they will make other arrangements for its storage.

Trailer on North Groton Road

Pam reported that she spoke with Chuck Stata regarding the trailer on North Groton Road that has fallen off its supports. He verified that there are no health issues associated with it. She asked that he put that in a memo.

Pole Licenses

Regarding pole licenses: the Board directed Pam to ask the Town Clerk if she has gone through her files to determine if there are any additional licenses on file.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:56 pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel