

**TOWN OF GROTON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
October 1, 2013**

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

**Audience Members Present**

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Christina motioned to approve the minutes of September 24 as written, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**UPDATES**

Miles reported that he has spoken with Bruce Barnard regarding a concern with the Town House septic system. Bruce agreed to look at the system.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fitzpatrick Building Permit Violation

The Board learned that enforcement of building permit violations are addressed through the courts. They will forward the packet of information regarding the violations to the Town's attorney to ascertain if she feels this is a case worth pursuing based upon the evidence.

Construction and Demolition/Debris (C & D)

The Board discussed a few remaining items regarding the new C & D policy. Property owners will be expected to have exact change or use a check. Receipts will be given. The current receipt books and money pouches are sufficient. The Board also included an additional vehicle category. **Miles motioned to approve the C & D policy as amended, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** A C & D container will be available the week of October 7.

Transfer Station Hours

The Board reviewed the spreadsheet of the number of property owners who use the transfer station on Wednesday and Sunday after 5:00 pm. They do not feel that the current hours should be changed due to the number of people who use the facility during that time frame.

Building Permit for Gibson, Map 5 Lot 116

According to a Department of Environmental Services' (DES) new rule, Mr. Gibson must have a DES approved septic system in order to make the proposed changes to his structure. Chuck Stata stated that because the Department's records are less than what they should be the Town has had an agreement with them that if a system is not failing then recording where the system is and any history about it satisfies DES. This was for an existing system that was operating. Mr. Gibson has a functioning system but is unable to locate his approval number. He is not changing use but he is demolishing the current structure and building a new one in the same footprint. Because of the new rule the Board does not feel they can sign the permit. They will contact the property owner and ask him to contact DES regarding his situation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Letters to Hebron and Rumney regarding 2014 Perambulation

**Christina motioned to sign the letters to Hebron and Rumney regarding the 2014 perambulation, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Letter to Senator Forrester regarding the EBT Cards Performance Audit

**Christina motioned to sign the letter to Senator Forrester, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.** According to the audit 78% of the EBT funds for assistance to low income families/individual were used as a cash benefit and there is no way to track how the funds are being spent.

### Building Permit for Watson, Map 6 Lot 22-1

**Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Watson, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Letter of Resignation

With regret the Board accepted Rachelle Hamel's resignation as a Supervisor of the Checklist. As this is an elected position only Town residents are qualified to serve in this capacity and Rachelle no longer resides in Town. The remaining supervisors will appoint her replacement until the next election.

### Intent to Cut for Iroquois Master Fund Ltd., Map 8 Lot 2

**Miles motioned to sign the Intent to Cut for Iroquois Master Fund Ltd. Map 8 Lot 2, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

### Mark Watson

Mr. Watson asked the Board if they were aware of the letter the State Fire Marshall sent to the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) alleging that Iberdrola had not submitted any fire suppression plans for the Fire Marshal's office to review and the permitting process has not been followed through on. He asked what the Board's position is in reference to the Town's safety.

It is the Board's understanding that the Town Fire Chief enforces the building and fire code. They had a recent conversation with Chief Thompson who stated that he did have a discussion with a representative of the Fire Marshal's office (the Board could not recall the name of the individual) regarding the plans they had received. They were asking the Chief if he was okay with their office taking a look at the project. He did not have a problem with this. In addition, the Board finds it hard to believe that this project went through the entire SEC process and no one from the State, who would have a concern about fire issues, could claim they did not know this was going on and thus could not participate. However, they did have knowledge as the Chief had contact with the Fire Marshal's office and they had a copy of the plans. This is before the SEC now.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The backhoe is broken down. Bubba Ellis reported that it is an electrical issue. A minor part is needed. JCB came out right away. They have ordered the part and it may be here by tomorrow. If not they would take the part off another machine they have. The Board is concerned about the potential delay to the bridge work. They will revisit the progress on the bridge project next Tuesday.

The SEC meeting scheduled for tomorrow is a pre-hearing conference. No one from the Board will attend.

Miles will be attending the October 15 court hearing, NH Wind Watch versus the Town of Groton Planning Board, regarding the EDP Renewables met tower approval.

**Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Hamel