

Minutes: Board of Selectmen Meeting, Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Convened: 7:05pm

Present: Walter Alterisio Chair, Kenneth Leva, Daniel Devin member; Madonna McKenzie, Town Administrator; Vincent LoGuidice National Grid; Mr. Steve Boczenowski President Teenage Anxiety & Depression Solutions;

Open Forum.

Maria Amodei addressed the board with concerns regarding her Kennel License that will be expiring shortly. The Board assured Ms. Amodei that they have the Groton Town Manager looking into having their person do the licensing. Also, there is a chance that Pepperell may be able to help out for certain circumstances such as this. Ms. Amodei was advised that if there was no inspection done by the end of December that she should return for a new license pending inspection.

National Grid/Verizon Pole Hearing

The board then discussed with a National Grid representative the proposed locations for erecting telephone poles in three areas:

Massapoag Way near the intersection with Lake Street;

423 Groton Street, Pole 38 near School Street

481 Groton Street near Kemp Street

There was concern that Massapoag Way is a private road and should not be up for discussion. National Grid Representative stated that he knew that this was a private road in the past and was under the assumption that it no longer was and immediately withdrew the request for that pole.

The location at 423 Groton Street brought up concern as to the exact location of the pole. It seemed to the board that it would either be in the woods or directly on someone's front lawn.

The third location at 481 Groton Street near Kempt Street brought up major concern as to the wetlands in that area. The Board stated that National Grid may want to discuss this with conservation.

National Grid will look into these issues and come back to further address.

The Board also brought up an issue with a pole on Pleasant Street that is leaning severely toward the street. National Grid was advised that the pole was of great concern and the Town would like someone to take another look at it for safety concerns.

Proposal for Auxiliary Firefighters I & II class, Teenage Anxiety & Depression Solutions request for funding

The board next spoke with Mr. Steve Boczenowski, President of Teenage Anxiety & Depression Solutions (TADS). Mr. Boczenowski addressed the board to ask that the board support him when seeking approximately \$2,000.00 in funds from the advisory board. He advised the board that he is seeking \$12K from three organizations and he has already received approval from the Town of Groton, Groton Dunstable Regional School District and is seeking support from the Town of Dunstable. Lt. Dow, Dunstable Police Department, also noted to the board, that the Police Department has utilized services provided by Mr. Boczenowski and that this initiative has become a valuable resource.

Motion was made by Kenneth Leva to approve recommendation to advisory board for funding of TADS; Daniel Devlin 2nd; All in favor

Victualler's License

The board next discussed the approval of a Victualler's License for Dunstable Gas & Convenience Inc. located at 238 Pleasant Street. The board voted to approve license renewal for a fee of \$25.00. The board also noted that they had informed Dunstable Gas & Convenience that since there was no food being served fresh that the license was not necessary, however, Dunstable Gas & Convenience wanted to renew the license regardless. It was also noted that Dunkin Donuts, which operates inside the store will need to apply for their own license and that they have been notified to do so.

Note made that it is a vicar's license for future reference

Motion to approve victualler's license for Dunstable Gas & Convenience made by Daniel Devlin; Kenneth Leva 2nd; All in favor – Approved

Appointments

No appointments made during this meeting.

Consultant's Report

The consultant reported that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has awarded \$10,000.00 in Planning Assistance Toward Housing (PATH) funds to update the Town's Housing Production Plan (HPP). In addition, the consultant noted that a letter was received from NMCOG recommending that the town wait to accept this until the state starts the process sometime during the beginning of January.

The consultant noted that three bids had been received for the septic systems for five locations to be drained (Fire Station, Town Hall, Library, 160 Pleasant Street, and River Street property). Capital Planning Committee will be handling the maintenance.

The FY16 Budget will not be in place before Christmas. Information is still pending from the School District.

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The Budget for the School is still on track. They are working to ensure that they stay on track with what is expected this Fiscal Year before working too much on next Fiscal Year.

There was discussion in regard to the Fire Chief's vehicle. It was noted that the oil line broke and they are unsure at this time if the motor has seized. They have put repairs on hold at this time. There was some discussion as to whether there was another town vehicle (SUV) that the fire department could use, due to concern over the cost of a replacement vehicle. It was recommended that the Fire Chief do some research to find a suitable vehicle.

The consultant next discussed the concern over the Capital Planning Committee. There are two members that have never attended a meeting. It was suggested that a plan be put together that would allow a member to be dropped if they miss a certain number of meetings.

There was some concern expressed over the insurance for Auxiliary Firefighters. It has been noted that all are listed under the general category.

A motion was made by Kenneth Leva to accept the Consultant's Report; Daniel Devlin 2nd; All in favor – Approved.

Old Business

Select Board/Planning Board working out Rules and Regulations for public safety in regard to the movement of earth. Planning Board will put together suggestions (traffic management, timing, and if earth removal requires selectmen approval).

Madonna will be following up with Jeff Ryder in regard to this.

National Grid notified town of 5 year vegetation management plan. It has been noted that in the past, workers have been asked to come in to speak with the community in regard to the work that will be done and any risks that may be involved. The selectmen would like to have them in for the January 7, 2014 meeting to discuss specifics.

Minutes from October 29 Meeting:

One amendment needed, 2nd page last paragraph, change Hollis St. to Hall St. in all locations.

Motion made to approve minutes with amendments by Kenneth Leva; Daniel Devlin 2nd; all in favor

Minutes from November 3, 2014 Meeting:

One amendment needed, separate meeting minutes for Advisory Board after Selectboard adjourned.

Motion made to approve as amended by Daniel Devlin; Kenneth Leva 2nd; all in favor

Minutes from November 5, 2014 Meeting:

Motion by Kenneth Leva to approve minutes; Daniel Devlin 2nd; all in favor

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Motion to adjourn December 17, 2014 Selectman meeting by Kenneth Leva; Daniel Devlin 2nd; all in favor

Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes by

Bernadette Georges