

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm with Selectman Alterisio and Selectman Devlin present. Selectman Leva was absent

GDRSD Superintendent

The meeting began with Dr. Kristen Rodriguez, Groton Dunstable Regional School district superintendent, addressing the board in regard to their opinion of the strengths and weaknesses within the school district. Each was given a survey to complete for the purpose of data compilation. Each selectman gave what they considered the pros and cons of the school district.

Dr. Rodriguez informed the board of strategic plan being developed in which internal department audits would take place.

Dr. Rodriguez also discussed the plan for the school department to offer infant and toddler care at the Boutwell School. This will be offered to employees of both Groton and Dunstable. This plan would not take place until possibly mid-year or fall of next school year.

Additionally, the School Department is splitting expenses with the Town of Groton on the Prescott Building. They are hoping to house a learning and wellness center on the first floor. This center will allow for workshops and courses to take place. Possibly on-line technology as well as a gym. Dr. Rodriguez stressed that this is being furnished with all existing furniture.

A point was brought up to Dr. Rodriguez in regard to a student that will be attending Essex in the fall. There is a transportation issue. Dr. Rodriguez stated that she would be willing to assist in finding a resolution for this issue.

Road Commissioner

Road commission members Dana Kinne and Michael Martin addressed the board in regard to plans for a temporary structure that they would like to have on the highway department property. This structure would be used in place of the salt shed that collapsed after last winter. This structure would not entail any major sitework.

The board instructed the road commission to first approach conservation committee with a detailed quote and then bring the request to the advisory board.

There was discussion of cleaning up the highway departments salt shed property on Groton Street.

Additionally, Michael Martin asked to ensure that the bus company be contacted in regard to the road closure and detours while bridge is under repair.

Dog Officer

Selectman Alterisio discussed his plan to contact the Pepperell Dog Officer in regard to working with Dunstable. Pepperell's Dog Officer is reluctant to take on any of this responsibility. Selectman Alterisio spoke of possibly advertising for ACO in the Lowell Sun.

Appointments

Capital Planning Committee:

Possible candidates should be given to Madonna McKenzie

Community Preservation:

George Basbanes; Judy Larter; Alan Chaney appointed with terms to expire June 30, 2015.

Motion to appoint all made by Daniel Devlin, Second Walter Alterisio approved quorum present.

Alternate Gas Inspector – J. Cryan – Term to expire 6/30/15

Motion to appoint made by Daniel Devlin, Second Walter Alterisio approved quorum present.

Alternate Building Inspector – H. Cowland – Term to expire 6/30/15

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Consultant's Report

Equipment Updates: Still looking into new business center.

Proposed Policy for Town Land/Building Usages: Consultant working to develop town land and building usage forms. Working to determine any permits that may be necessary depending on the type of activity.

Proposed Budget/Town Meeting Calendar: Consultant handed out a budget calendar that includes election dates. This calendar also includes May 11, 2015 annual Town Meeting, as well as, tentative date of October 20, 2014 for special town meeting.

A motion was made by Walter Alterisio to pass Zoning amendments as put forth by the affordable housing committee. Daniel Devlin seconded and passed.

Mention was made of the request of the Grange to use the Grand Hall on the following dates: 10/04/14 9:30-11:30; 12/06/14 8:00-5:00 (entire day); and 03/25/15 12:00 – 3:00.

Daniel Devlin made a motion to end the public portion of the Selectmens Meeting and move into executive session at 8:17pm, Walter Alterisio seconded. Passed

Daniel Devlin made a motion to move back into public portion of Selectmens Meeting while waiting for a party to arrive at 8:29pm. Walter Alterisio seconded. Passed

Old Business

Tennessee Pipeline: Daniel Devlin attended meeting of Coalition in N. Reading. Information was received that it is possible that there may be no state funding in place for the pipeline. Hopes are that this will slow this down enough. State may be doing an independent study. Also, information was received that there may be another company in place that may be able to increase their load capacity. Next meeting is in 2 weeks in Townsend.

August 25, 2014 Kinder-Morgan Meeting at Town Hall: This meeting is purely for informing the community on the plans that Kinder-Morgan has, what it is, how long it will take etc.

Cease and desist letter was reviewed: A motion to approve was made by Daniel Devlin, seconded by Walter Alterisio, passed quorum present.

Town Hall Locks: Walter Alterisio will be meeting with locksmith on Thursday 08/14/14 in to ensure that downstairs double doors and lavatory areas are included in quote. Quote will be reconfirmed at the next meeting.

Fire Alarm/Sprinkler: Waiting for one quote. Next meeting

Comcast: Daniel Devlin made a motion to change over to Comcast at Town Hall, Walter Alterisio seconded, passed

Police Contract: Will be discussed at next meeting.

Daniel Devlin made a motion made to adjourn and move into executive session at 8:41, Walter Alterisio seconded, passed. Moved into executive session.