

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 7, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:15 P.M. at Town Hall.

Present Elizabeth A. Gorski, Donald N. Greaney, Chairman William H. Darke.

Appointment Request

At the request of the Fire Chief, and upon motion duly made by Greaney, seconded by Gorski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Colin Stokes, of Seven Star Road, as a Firefighter for the town of Groveland, said appointment on a probationary status effective immediately through June 30, 2010.

Water/Sewer Bond Anticipation Note

Finance Director Labrecque presented the Board with a Bond Anticipation Note for \$793,200.00 for roll over of previous Notes for Water/Sewer Commission. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$793,200.00 for roll over of previous notes authorized for Water/Sewer Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the Board's Open Session on June 22, 2009, as presented.

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 22, 2009 following amendment of deletion of Selectmen Darke's name (not present during Executive Session).

Approval of Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #09-52..

DARKE, GREANEY – “AYE”; GORSKI – “ABSTAIN”

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Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve weekly Warrants #09-50A, #09-53 and #10-01.

Approve Common Victualler Licenses

Health Agent Edward Gallagher presented eighteen (18) Common Victualler Licenses for the Board's approval, copies of said Licenses are attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve and sign 18 Common Victualler Licenses prepared by Health Agent Gallagher.

Site/Earth Removal Inspector

The Board received two requests for appointment of Site/Earth Removal Inspector, Road Commissioner Arakelian and current holder of the positions, Robert O'Hanley. Chairman Darke asked that the Board's Assistant invite both men to the Board's next meeting to discuss the appointment. Arakelian was recently appointed by Town Meeting as Trench Inspector and applied for appointment of Site Inspector/Earth Removal Officer. O'Hanley had also asked that the Selectmen's Minutes of June 8th be changed because he feels he didn't say several things that are reported therein. The Selectmen will discuss O'Hanley's concerns when he next meets with them.

Ethics Commission Complaint

Chairman Darke reported that he heard back from the Ethics Commission regarding the complaint someone had filed against him; that his brother had been before the Planning Board to subdivide land during the time the Selectmen made the decision to ask Town Meeting to change the Planning Board from elected to appointed. Darke reported that he has heard back from the Ethics Commission and that they cleared him of any wrongdoing. Chairman Darke suggested that he probably shouldn't participate in the appointment to the Planning Board. Selectman Gorski responded that that would put her in a tough spot because she currently has a family member who is before the Planning Board on a land matter. Darke agreed that inasmuch as his family is no longer before the Planning Board it should be Gorski who abstains from the current appointment.

Appointment to Planning Board

The first appointment to the Planning Board for a three-year term will be made this evening. Only one request for appointment was received. Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To appoint Jonathan Stock, 9 Stonebridge Road, to a three year term on the Groveland Planning Board.

GREANEY, DARKE – “AYE”; GORSKI – “ABSTAIN”

Building Inspector Appointment

The Finance Director discussed with the Selectmen the hours and salary of the Building Inspector and that building permit revenue is way down; that the Finance Board had increased the Inspector's hours when Nichols Village and Whitestone was being built but he now feels the hours for the position should be returned to the 26 hours he was originally approved for, with an appropriate salary reduction. Labrecque stated that he receives a \$50,000+ salary yet the permit fees amounted to \$28,000. Selectmen asked their Assistant to request Schena attend the next Board meeting.

All Boards Sign-Off Sheet-Building Permit

The Administrative Assistant provided each Selectman with a copy of two legal opinions written in 1999 and 2002, and a copy of the Attorney General's letter regarding the passing of the bylaw to mandate all boards sign off prior to all building permits being issued. Inasmuch as both legal opinions and the Attorney General's letter concur that the Building Inspector may not deny a building permit unless it is for zoning related reasons, the Board's Assistant suggested the Board should consider placing an Article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant asking the voters to rescind the bylaw that was passed in 2002.

Bridge Committee Meeting Update

Selectmen Greaney and Gorski updated Chairman Darke on a recent Bridge Committee meeting they attended. Senator Bruce Tarr, Representative Harriett Stanley, two of Stanley's Aides, Bevelaqua and her son Peter were present, together with MVPC representative Tony Komornick. It was reported that Representative Stanley did not feel the State would purchase the gas station and post office property; that she felt the town should pony up if they wish to make a park area in that location. Selectman Greaney reported that he had telephoned the owner and she informed him she would entertain offers; that she feels the property is two separate lots (Assessors plans show it as one). Tony Kormornick had suggested that it may not be a good idea to throw up red flags; that the State could pull out and do another project with the monies.

Chairman Darke stated that the Selectmen need to meet with the State and have a site walk at the property. Selectman Gorski told Darke she would be meeting with Representative Stanley on another matter and would speak to her about getting MA Highway officials together for a site walk. The Selectmen agreed that they would like Stanley and Tarr to arrange a site walk with Highway officials before the project goes out to bid.

Zoning Bylaws

The Board's Assistant was asked to speak with Cammett Engineering to see where the Zoning Bylaws re-write stands at this time.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant