

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:17 P.M. at Town Hall.

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

Groveland's Representative on Whittier Vocational School Committee

Resident Daniel Nihan stopped by to introduce himself to the Board and to let inform them that he was appointed as Groveland's representative on the Whittier Regional Vocational School Committee. The Selectmen welcomed Dan and asked that he keep the Board apprised of anything that could financially impact the town. Dan told the Board that he has enjoyed his participation to date and will be happy to keep the town informed of financial issues that might arise.

Approval of Minutes

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2009, as presented.

Approval of Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #10-12.

GREANEY, DARKE – "AYE"; GORSKI – "ABSTAIN"

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve weekly Warrants #10-10A and #10-13.

Fire Department Engine #3

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

VOTED: To declare as surplus property the 1978 Diesel Engine #3 and to advertise for accepting bids as soon as the new fire truck has arrived.

Complaint

Chairman Darke read aloud a letter received from Main Street resident Reverend William Ferguson complaining about the mess, loud music and graffiti in the area of the basketball court at the Pines Recreation area. Selectman Greaney read aloud Chief Kirmelewicz's written response to the complaint, a copy of both letters are attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

Update on Webster property

Conservation/Open Space member Mike Dempsey updated the Board on the potential purchase of the Webster property off Wood Street. Dempsey told the Board that everything has been submitted for the land grant from the State and they he should hear back sometime around October 15th; that he has been working with the Attorney to put together a P & S. Dempsey told the Selectmen they may need to call for another Special Town Meeting because Webster wants town approval by December 1st. Dempsey told the Board that if the town doesn't receive the Self-Help Grant they would have to re-look at the purchase; that he is still hoping to use some of the CPA funds and possibly funds from the Water Department (he has not met with the Water Commissioners as of yet). Dempsey also informed the Board that State Fisheries and Wildlife have backed off from being interested in the property; that it's his understanding they are kind of interested in some other properties in Groveland. Chairman Darke asked Dempsey to let the Board know as soon as possible.

Chapter 90 Request

Road Commissioner Arakelian submitted Chapter 90 Project Request forms for the Board's approval for paving Center Street from Seven Star Road to Rollins and a section of Rollins Street. Upon motion duly made by Greaney, seconded by Gorski, it was

VOTED: To approve for submittal to State Aid Chapter 90 Request for paving Center/Rollins Streets, said request in the sum of \$116,912.00.

Request for permanent employee status

Library Director Deb Hoadley recommended that Sharon Archambault be approved for permanent status. Hoadley informed the Board in her written request that Ms. Archambault has successfully completed the six (6) month probation period and Ms. Hoadley praised Sharon's capabilities to date. Upon motion duly made by Greaney, seconded by Gorski, it was

VOTED: To approve permanent status for Sharon Archambault as Adult Services Outreach Coordinator at the Langley-Adams Library.

Two Warrant Articles Submitted by Planning Board Chairman

Planning Board Chairman Walter Sorenson emailed two Articles to the Board's Assistant asking that they be placed on the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for October 5th. The Articles were received the day the Warrant was posted which was too late to be included therein. The Board's Assistant responded to the email immediately informing the Planning Chairman of the date the Warrant had closed. The Articles are for changing the Planning Board back from appointed to elected (town had voted over a year ago to change from elected to appointed), and the second Article was to change the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members.

Selectmen discussed the Articles and asked their Assistant to email the Planning Board members and request that they meet with the Selectmen to explain their reasoning behind the submittals.

Chairman Darke commented on the good condition the town is in financially; that it is debt free; that there were no job losses; that our roads are in good shape; that the Selectmen support their other committees and that all in all he feels the town has good employees and that the town is run well.

Request for signatures on Final Plans for Evergreen

Planning Board submitted final plans for Evergreen Drive and requested the Board of Selectmen sign same for recording at the Registry of Deeds. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To sign off on the final plans for Evergreen Drive.

Selectmen signed three plans.

Report from Selectman Greaney

Selectman Greaney is the Board's representative on the Community Preservation Committee and informed the Board that at CPC's last meeting their approved up to \$2,500.00 to pay for an appraisal of the property on Main Street that houses the Getty Station and Post Office; were in favor of supporting an additional building being built at River Pines Senior Housing Complex; and expressed an interest in the property on Center Street formerly known as Strawberry Fields.

Complaint

A written complaint was received from a resident on Garrison Street. The Board's Assistant will ask the Zoning Enforcement Officer to view the property the complaint was received on.

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Executive Session

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 32, Section 23B, subsection (3) for the purpose of discussing a written update from Town Counsel on a matter of potential litigation.

GORSKI, GREANEY, DARKE – “Aye”

Chairman Darke announced that the Board will return to the Open Session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Executive Session was entered at 7:19 p.m. and closed at 7:31 p.m. A copy of the Board’s Executive Session Minutes are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant’s Office.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant