



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

March 29, 2010

6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order

Approve Minutes: No Minutes available this evening

Approve Warrants:

PW # 10-38	\$ 113,386.12
DW #10-36A	\$ 19,510.04
BW # 10-39	\$ 94,315.36

NEEDS ATTENTION

1. At the request of Open Space & Trails Committee and recommendation of Chairman Gene Blatt, please appoint John Gray to said committee effective immediately through June 30, 2010.
2. Board needs to vote to close the Warrants and vote to include the two questions on the 2010 Election Ballot. Town Clerk needs to get ballots printed.

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:30 P.M. – Bagnall Building & Architect & Finance Board (or representatives)

7:00 P.M. – Conservation Chairman Dempsey – Center Street

7:30 P.M. – Electric Light Commissioners at your request – Executive Session needed MGL c. 39, §23B (6) for the purpose of discussing negotiations of purchase of property

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2010 @ 6:15 P.M.

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Meeting called to order at 6:23 P.M. at Town Hall.

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

Approval of Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #10-38.
GREANEY, DARKE – "AYE"; GORSKI – "ABSTAIN"

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve weekly Warrants #BW10-39 and #DW10-36A.

Committee Appointment

At the request of Open Space & Trails Committee members Gene Blatt and Robert Guptill, and upon motion duly made by Gorski, seconded by Greaney, it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint John Gray to serve as a member on the Open Space and Trails Committee, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2010.

Town Meeting Warrants & Election Warrant

At the request of the Board's Assistant and upon motion duly made by Greaney, seconded by Gorski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants and forward to Town Counsel for review; and

To include the following two Ballot Questions on the 2010 Annual Election Ballot:

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of Groveland be allowed to assess an additional THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$350,000.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the Fiscal Year 2011 Pentucket Regional School District Supplemental Budget Assessment as stated in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article #11 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010?

NON-BINDING

QUESTION 2: Should the Town of Groveland expand its Board of Selectmen from three members to five members, all elected by the registered voters of Groveland?

Bagnall Building Committee

Bagnall Building Committee Chairman John Osborne informed the Board that the Building Committee has decided to withdraw their Article from Annual Town Warrant and informed the Board that they would like it on a Fall Warrant. Chairman Darke stated he did not have a problem with that inasmuch as quorum requirements are now the same for Special/Annual meetings. Selectman Greaney asked whether they would need to hold a special election in the Fall and Osborne responded in the affirmative.

Osborne then commented on the Finance Board's request to amend the Article to make the project subject to receiving SBAB funding and told the Selectmen he and his committee are not keen on this idea; that doing so could cause considerable delay and added costs will be incurred. The committee's architect was present and told the Selectmen that the committee had held a lot of discussion on whether to seeking funding and that the town doesn't have the legal status to file for MSBA funds; that the School Committee would have to file on the town's behalf and a new high school is their #1 priority; that it would be 2.5 to 3 years out before you would get all the through the funding process and by then the costs would be higher.

Chairman Darke responded that maybe things are changing again about school funding and the town should find out from the State what the numbers really could be for reimbursements. The committee's Architect responded that money will need to be spent on a feasibility study to show the State why this is a good reason to do the project. He also told the Board that energy initiatives could supply some funding for the town.

Finance Board member Minichiello told the Board and committee that there are 400 applications before the SBAB and that on a consistent basis towns are getting funding; that it took the town of Marblehead two years to receive approval. Minichiello stated that he feels it is something the town needs to look into. Selectman Gorski told those present that State Rep Stanley has stated that she will not seek re-election after this term she is currently seeking and she would like to do something for each of her communities that they would like done. Gorski suggested asking Rep Stanley to help the town achieve the funding for the building project. The Architect then stated that the prudent thing would be for the town to continue to pursue funding from SBAB; that the town is further down the list of priority but core facilities are very inadequate for the number of students at Bagnall and it could be a good case. Osborne told the Board they will need to get someone else to write the SOI because he will not do so.

The Building Committee members acknowledged that the \$8 million will not include a new roof, new boilers or brining sewer to the facility; that those items would be dealt with at a later time at an additional cost to the town. Finance Board members responded that the septic system has been a cause of concern for years and questioned why the sewer couldn't be brought to the school. The addition would be exempt from needing to include a sprinkler system. Osborne told the Selectmen he and his members will be back to see them in the Fall.

Conservation Chairman-2 Center Street

Conservation Chairman Mike Dempsey met with the Board to discuss the issues raised by the resident who resides at 2 Center Street, Haverhill. A portion of the property is in Groveland. Dempsey told the Board he had sent a letter to the Board asking them to support a Notice of Intent and told the Board members of his Commission walked the site a month or so ago. Dempsey told the Board there are plenty of signs along the road and Chairman Darke agreed, stating he had driven down there and seen all the signs. Darke told Dempsey he feels the town has addressed most of the resident's concerns. Darke asked whether the culvert needs to be repaired or rebuilt and Dempsey responded that they don't know.

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Road Commissioner Arakelian responded that we've had 9" of rain in one storm, followed by another of 3" or more and nothing will keep up with that kind of rain totals. Darke asked whether the beaver problem is under control and both Dempsey and Arakelian responded it is a constant battle. They also discussed the trash that is thrown in the area and Arakelian said the trash company empties the barrels when they are full.

Arakelian told the Board his men have been dealing with other areas that are more important at the moment; that on Main Street we lost a head wall and two pieces of pipe went into the river. He reported there are a number of expensive problems and he's hoping there will be some federal funding coming in. Dempsey stated they are working on a priority list and Arakelian stated he was not sure how soon FEMA will come out but he stressed the town needs to get funding.

Electric Light Commissioners

The Electric Light Commissioners and Light Department Manager met with the Selectmen at the Selectmen's request to discuss the property the Light Department is currently interested in purchasing. Because they are currently negotiating with the owners, Gorski moved, Greaney seconded, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B (6) to discuss negotiations of purchase of property.

GORSKI, GREANEY, DARKE – "AYE"

Executive Session was entered at 7:40 p.m. and closed at 8:02 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 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant