



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

May 24, 2010

6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order

Approve Minutes: May 10th (Open & Executive) May 14th

Approve Warrants:

PW # 10-46	\$ 111,623.03
DW #10-44A	\$ 18,816.58
BW #10-47	\$ 1,144,879.15

NEEDS ATTENTION

1. Dr. Jim Manganiello would like to know when he can meet with the Board regarding the decisions you all made on the site visit. He was in my office for almost an hour today besides calling me multiple times and emailing me.
2. Please vote the following transfers to the Municipal Building Acct: \$5,000 from Health Insurance; \$1,500 from Veteran's Benefits; \$11,700 from Reserve Fund; \$2,850 from Town Insurance & \$5,000 from Rubbish Pick-up Expense all to be used to replace heating systems in Library, Public Safety Building and Town Hall due to oil leaks (forms are on Chairman's desk)
3. Please vote and sign two Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests in the sum of \$99,052.39 and \$126,912 for work completed (forms are on Chairman's desk)
4. Board of Fire Engineers recommends appointment of Garry Cuneo, 13 Lindsay's Way to the Fire Department, said appointment on a probationary period for one year and effective immediately.
5. See two requests received for 3 year appointment to the Planning Board 1) Robert Arakelian and James Freer. Said appointment will be effective July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2013

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:20 P.M. – Road Commissioner Arakelian re Elm Park trees

6:30 P.M. – William Thibeault regarding former Aggregate land off Salem St

7:00 P.M. – John Osborne – Architects Final Report on Bagnall Feasibility Study

7:30 P.M. - Pentucket School Committee member Joe D'Amore (see information in your folders that is just FYI and an Eagle Trib newspaper article that he wishes to discuss with you.

7:45 P.M. - Mike Dempsey regarding Webster property update

8:00 P.M. - Adjourn meeting and attend Pine's Rec Meeting posted for 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2010 @ 6:15 P.M.

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

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

Minutes

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of the Open and Executive Sessions of May 10, 2010, and Open Session of May 14, 2010, as presented.

Warrants

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #PW10-46.

Darke, Greaney – "Aye"; Gorski – "Abstain"

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Bill Warrant #BW10-47 and Deduction Warrant #DW10-44A.

Center Street site visit

Selectmen Darke discussed several issues that were discussed during the Center Street site visit. Road Commissioner Arakelian was present for this discussion. Darke said they 1) talked about getting together and surveying all culverts in town and prioritize the problems; 2) to follow up on speed limit and no parking laws so that the town may consider changes, if necessary; 3) that town is to file a Notice of Intent; that Haverhill Conservation and Bob Ward would be asked to attend the hearing. Darke asked Arakelian if he has a list of important culverts in town and Arakelian stated he did not, but that he could make one.

In other business, Arakelian told the Board he would like his department to take over mowing the property at the Little Red School House; that they already do the traffic island nearby and it makes sense for them to do the school house property. Greaney asked the Board's Assistant to send a note to the Garden Club informing them that the Highway Department will mow the school house property each mowing season.

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Arakelian also told the Board that he is concerned that the pine trees planted near the memorial end of Elm Park are too close to each other and will be dying off and also killing the grass under and around them; that he would like to remove them or remove every other one at the very least. Arakelian told the Selectmen he would rather remove them all and replace them with a nice boxwood hedge.

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Road Commissioner removing the pine trees at the Memorial end of Elm Park and planting boxwood hedges in their place.

Transfers

At the request of Finance Director Greg Labrecque and upon motion duly made by Gorski, seconded by Darke, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the following end of year transfers:

\$11,700 from Reserve Fund to Municipal Complex Expense
\$2,850 from Town Insurance to Municipal Complex Expense
\$5,000 from Health Insurance to Municipal Complex Expense
\$1,500 from Veterans Benefits to Municipal Complex Expense
\$5,000 from Rubbish Pick-Up Expense to Municipal Complex Expense

Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests

Road Commissioner Arakelian presented the Board with two (2) Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request forms in the sum of \$99,052.39 and \$126,912.00 for engineering work on School Street and other Chapter 90 work performed in FY 2010. Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To sign the two Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request forms in the sums of \$99,052.39 and \$126,912.00 for expenditures made in FY 2010.

Fire Appointment Request

At the request of the Board of Fire Engineers and upon motion duly made by Darke, seconded by Gorski, it was

VOTED: To appoint resident Garry Cunes as a Groveland firefighter, said appointment to be for a one year probationary period and effective immediately through June 30, 2010 at which time the appointment will be renewed for the remainder of the one year status

Webster property-Wood Street

CPC Chairman Mike Dempsey met with the Board regarding the status of the potential purchase of acreage on/off of Wood Street. Dempsey told the Board that he had spoken with the appraiser as the Board had asked him to do and that the appraiser said it would definitely affect the value of the appraisal if the Webster's changed the plan that was originally used by the appraiser; that the value would drop down to \$800+; that losing the frontage on Wood Street the town would lose the value of two house lots and would be given more wetlands in their place the way the lot line was re-drawn. Dempsey said Town Counsel spoke with the State office that would provide the town with the \$500,000 grant and was told that we can't pay more than the appraised value but that the State mostly cares about the 60 acres.

Selectman Darke asked Dempsey why the plan had to go before the planning board in order for the town to buy it and Dempsey responded that the planning board needed to approve the subdivision of the Webster land. Dempsey told the Selectmen the appraisal was done on old plans and that the lines were changed on the plan recently presented to the planning board which gave the Webster's two house lots fronting on Wood Street. Dempsey asked the Board to enter Executive Session before entering into further discussion on the matter. Chairman Greaney asked Dempsey if he could wait until the end of the meeting so the Board could then adjourn its meeting for the night once the Executive Session concluded. Dempsey agreed to wait.

Bagnall Building Committee-Architect's Final Report

The Committee had provided each Selectman with a copy of the Architect's Final Report and came to the meeting to answer any questions the Selectmen might have. Chairman Greaney asked if the quoted cost of \$9.4 million dollars includes the replacing of windows, sprinkler system, and Osborne interjected that only the new section would have new windows and sprinkler; that to replace existing old windows and doors would cost about \$65 square foot to replace, another \$350,000 would be needed; that the roof was being addressed but not the sewer system in the \$9.4 million quote. Osborne stated the sewer cost is estimated at \$350,000 and the Water/Sewer thinks it would cost \$200,000. Osborne told the Selectmen if everything was included the cost would be \$10 million.

The Committee members told the Selectmen that the new section is required to be sprinkled but the old section is not. Osborne told the board the Building Committee's work has been done and if the town wishes to proceed with the project, a decision would need to be made within the next two months.

Selectman Darke stated that State Representative Harriett Stanley attended a recent Regional Finance Advisory Committee which he and Labrecque

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participate in and she said nothing has changed with the State; that the District wants to file for a new high school. Darke suggested that all three boards of selectmen should meet and agree together which project should be first (elementary or high school). He also wondered how soon another project could be put into the reimbursement pipeline. Darke said he would be willing to wait a couple more years if the town could get reimbursement on the Bagnall renovations. Darke stated the three towns need to sit together and work out what is best so they all can get reimbursement. Darke told the committee members that the Board thinks they did a wonderful job and thanked them all. Committee member Gelina suggested the Selectmen should try to get the support of the School Committee.

School Committee representative

Joe D'Amore, one of Groveland's three school committee representatives on Pentucket Regional Committee, met with the Board and told the Selectmen that he wants to fulfill a campaign promise by bringing school information to the Board of Selectmen. D'Amore pointed out how the town has no real newspaper coverage and that Groveland doesn't receive live cable coverage or replays of the school committee meetings like the other two towns (Merrimac and W. Newbury) do. D'Amore told the Board that he hopes to work with the school committee and bring information to the Board of Selectmen; that he would like to come in every two months with updates.

D'Amore asked if a member of the school committee could also serve on the Finance Board and told the Selectmen that he had been told by the State Ethics Commission to check the town bylaws to see if Finance Board members are allowed to serve on other committees. The Board's Assistant responded that the town's bylaw has no restrictions on finance board members.

D'Amore told the Board that he will return on June 21st to report to the Board on budget decisions the school committee makes at their June meeting. D'Amore reported that DOE shows the Pentucket District is slightly below or average with administration costs.

Selectmen Darke told D'Amore it was reported in the Daily News that the Selectmen did not want to meet with the School Committee and that that was not true; that he had told the Superintendent at a Financial Advisory Committee meeting that we would like to see the school committee meet with all three Finance Directors because people aren't buying what they (the school) is selling. Darke told D'Amore that the towns want to be part of the process and that they were told they weren't invited. Darke also told D'Amore that the school committee needs to get started on the next budget as soon as they finish their decisions on the FY 11 budget.

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Executive Session

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 32, Section 23B, subsection (3) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

GREANEY, DARKE – "Aye"

Executive Session was entered at 7:50 p.m. and closed at 8:15 p.m. The Board announced it will return to Open Session at the close of Executive Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting. A copy of the Board's Executive Session Minutes is on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant