

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JUNE 21, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:31 P.M. at Town Hall.

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

Minutes

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of June 7th, 2010, as presented.

Warrants

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #PW10-.

Darke, Greaney – “Aye”; Gorski – “Abstain”

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Bill Warrant #BW10- and Deduction Warrant #DW10-

Common Victualler Licenses

Health Inspector Ed Gallagher submitted Fiscal Year 2011 Common Victualler Licenses to the Board of Selectmen for review, comment and/or consideration of renewal. The Board reviewed the licenses and briefly discussed the need to add a restriction regarding no byob (bring your own bottle) without prior hearing and approval by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Darke asked that the Licenses be amended to add the restriction. The Selectmen's Assistant will inform the Health Inspector of the Board's request.

FISCAL YEAR 2011 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Selectmen reviewed the multi-page list of Annual Appointment requests prepared by their Assistant. Finance Director Labrecque had reviewed the list and noted those ineligible for reappointment due to failure to be up to date in annual taxes owed to the town (General Bylaw Section 2-127).

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Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To appoint all individuals highlighted on the Fiscal Year 2011 Appointment List with the exception of those individuals in violation of General Bylaw Section 2-127 and the 3 year appointment to the Planning Board.

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke,

To appoint Reserve Police Officers, Lock-up Keepers, and Matrons submitted by Police Chief Kirmelewicz, said appointments effective July 1 through July 6, 2011, and Fire Chief John Clement, Clerk James Jordan, as recommended by the Board of Fire Engineers, and all Central and South Station Captains, Lieutenants and Privates as recommended by the Fire Chief, said appointments effective immediately through June 30, 2011.

Prior to vote being taken Gorski withdrew her motion due to the Police appointments being part of the required vote.

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

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

The Selectmen received a letter from Fire Lieutenant Brian Greaney requesting consideration for appointment to the Board of Fire Engineers if an opportunity becomes open. The Board's Assistant was asked to check with the current members of the Fire Engineers to see if they all wish to be reappointed.

Three Year Appointment to Planning Board

The Board received two written requests for appointment to the Planning Board. Current Planning Board member James Freer requested appointment "from the date of the end of my present term until the subsequent date of the election of Groveland Planning Board members" and a request from Robert Arakelian to fill the current three-year appointment.

Selectman Darke stated he would need to excuse himself from discussion in this matter and participation in the selection, stating he may need to appear before the Planning Board in the next few months and did not wish to be accused again of an ethics violation. Darke left the meeting room.

Chairman Greaney and Selectman Gorski discussed the two requests. Chairman Greaney mentioned that James Freer has already taken out papers to run for a five year seat on the Planning Board even though the Election is not until next Spring; that his letter of interest states he is interested in being appointed "until the subsequent date of the election of Groveland Planning Board members" . Both men have planning board experience.

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Robert Arakelian to the three year appointed position on the Groveland Planning Board.

Selectman Darke returned to the meeting room following the vote on the Planning Board appointment.

Chairman of Bridge & Square Committee

Selectmen met with Greg Stark, Chairman of the Bridge and Square Committee. Stark told the Board he wanted to know what the Board saw as the destiny of the Bridge and Square Committee now that work on the bridge was about to begin. Stark asked if the Board felt his group has a purpose. Stark told the Board that he has heard from the State and that everything the town and committee wanted is in the bridge proposal. Stark said he has not seen actual drawings of what the bridge will look like. Stark also told the Board that the project manager for the bridge work would be happy to meet with the town and explain what is going to happen over the next four years. Stark suggested they all meet with the contractor then decide whether there is a need to continue with the committee. The Selectmen agreed and Stark will ask the contractor and Mass Highway to meet with the town on July 19th.

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Stark then told the Board he feels there needs to be better communication between the town and its volunteers; that more information should be put on the web site because people don't want to take the time to drive to a meeting and sit through a meeting. Stark mentioned that he has seen other town websites that contain much more information and it was pointed out that those towns probably have a position that cares for the website; that Groveland does not.

Selectman Gorski thanked Stark and his fellow committee members for all the time they gave to this important committee during the past decade. Gorski told Stark that the Selectmen and the townspeople appreciate the hard work of all its volunteers.

School Committee representative

School Committee member Joe D'Amore met with the Board and reviewed with them the opinion letter he received from the State Ethics Commission stating that a school committee member could possibly serve as a town Finance Committee member. A copy of the opinion letter is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Joe told the Board he might wish to be on the Finance Committee "just to learn".

Finance Director Labrecque spoke on concerns he has with Pentucket's budget; that the school department has not sent out its insurances to bid; that there have been questions on health insurance for employees working 20 hours a week when if they worked 19 hours a week the district would not have to offer the insurance; and that he has told Dr. Livingston several times that there isn't parity between the towns. Labrecque told D'Amore that the school needs to use revenue to create a forecast model of its budget.

Selectman Darke stated that the Regional Finance Board that he is currently Chairman of will be rotating its meetings from town to town and that the next will be July 22, 2010 in Groveland; that it will be taped and shown on public access. Darke stated that they are trying to be transparent and get the information out to the public. Members of the Regional Finance Board are the Superintendent, Business Manager, School Committee Chairman, one Selectman from each town, and the Finance Director from each town.

Selectman Darke asked D'Amore several questions and expressed concern regarding the committee's procedure for entering Executive Session. Darke told D'Amore he was concerned that the Superintendent responded to a request about legal fees and settlement costs by telling the person who asked for the information that he had a packet for him and that he would see him after the meeting. Darke said the only thing that was in the packet was a letter saying the

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information he requested was not available. Darke stated he felt it looked like the Superintendent was misleading people by suggesting it was in the packet. Darke told D'Amore that he will bring up the issue at the next Regional Finance Board meeting.

Chairman Greaney told D'Amore that a lot of people are concerned with the change of personnel at the Bagnall School and that it seems the cuts were just made at our school. D'Amore said he is not sure where the 33 cuts were made.

D'Amore thanked the Board for their time and suggested he may attend the Regional Finance Board meeting scheduled for July 22nd.

Pines Playground

Finance Director Labrecque reported that the playground at the Pines can be repaired, painted and new items added thereto. He also reported that the rubber chips have been delivered and installed.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant