



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

September 27, 2010

**6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order
(All stand for Pledge of Allegiance)**

**Approve Minutes: September 13, 2010 –Open Session
and 3 Executive Session Minutes**

Approve Warrants:

PW # 11-12	\$ 113,920.38
DW #11-10A	\$ 17,920.75
BW # 11-13	\$ 307,520.74

NEEDS ATTENTION

1. See attached letter and blueprint received today from Lucas Wolbach, fifth grader at Bagnall School.
2. Board of Fire Engineers request appointment of Scott Egan as probationary firefighter, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2011.

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

**6:30 P.M. – Verizon New England, Inc. & Groveland Light Department – public
Hearing – Nelson Street (abutters were notified)**

**6:45 P.M. – Recreation members – Dan Stewart & Michael Houghton to discuss the use
of The Pine's Softball & Baseball Field and to appoint a Field Director for The Pines.
Their responsibility will be field scheduling, overseeing maintenance of the fields, and
overall management of the 2 equipment sheds @ The Pines.**

7:00 P.M. – West Newbury Board of Selectmen – Article on Town Meeting Warrant

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – Monday, Oct. 4, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Town Hall

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12 , 2010 @ 6:15 P.M.

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Meeting called to order at 6:22 P.M. at Town Hall.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Open Session Minutes of September 13, 2010, as presented.

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unaimously

VOTED: To accept the Executive Session Minutes #1 and #2 of September 13, 2010, as presented.

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Executive Session Minutes #3 of September 13, 2010, as presented.

DARKE, GORSKI – “Aye”; GREANEY – “Abstain”

Warrants

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #PW11-12.

DARKE, GREANEY – “Aye”; GORSKI – “Abstain”

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve #BW11-09 and #DW11-06A.

Request for Skate Park

The Board reviewed a letter received from Lucas Walbach, a fifth grade student at the Bagnall School. Lucas informed the Board that he had recently developed an interest in skateboarding and has been looking for a place to start skating; that he is frustrated because there isn't a skate park in Groveland. Lucas provided the Board with his hand drawn "blueprint" of his idea of how a skate park might look. The Selectmen asked their Assistant to contact Lucas and invite him to attend a Selectmen's meeting to discuss his letter.

Fire Department Appointment

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

VOTED: To appoint Scott Egan, 44 Center Street, Groveland as a probationary firefighter, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2010.

Public Hearing-Verizon & Groveland Light Department

Chairman Greaney read aloud the public hearing notice which had been advertised in the Eagle Tribune and a copy mailed to all abutters. Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing on the two petitions of Verizon to place two (2) telephone poles and approximately 175 feet of underground conduit on Nelson Street.

Joseph Gleason represented the petitioning parties. Mr. Gleason explained the need to place two poles for the purpose of supplying a new commercial building located at 16 Nelson Street with utilities.

During the course of the hearing a question arose as to whether Nelson Street was an accepted way and Mr. Gleason asked that the hearing be continued until the Board's next scheduled meeting so that his office can check town records.

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the public hearing to Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Recreation members Stewart and Houghton

Recreation members Dan Stewart and Michael Houghton met with the Board to discuss youth softball. Stewart told the Board that he has been named Softball Coordinator as

of 2011 and that the town's recreation committee has built up youth softball; that they have received compliments from other towns on how nice the town's fields are. Stewart mentioned that they will need field availability for the kids in the Spring and also for Pentucket's JV and Varsity teams. Stewart said that there have been some conflicts with the women's league, Dirt to Skirts. Selectman Darke explained that the Selectmen give permits for field use but before doing so the applicant has always been instructed to check first with the recreation committee to see if the times they are seeking are available. Darke said the Board will continue to issue the permit and field times can be coordinated through the Board's Assistant; that the town's youths come first but the Selectmen want all ages to have access to fields if they wish. It was suggested that Houghton and Stewart, Pentucket Athletic Director, and DTS representative all sit down together toward the end of February and work out a schedule of field times that will meet everyone's needs.

The Selectmen thanked the men for coming in and for putting the youth programs together.

West Newbury Selectmen

West Newbury Selectmen Atwood and Cushing asked to meet with the Board to discuss the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article needed to appear on all three of the district towns Warrants. The Article is for Pentucket to borrow \$10,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying costs of making extraordinary repairs to the Page Elementary School, with all costs of the project being allocable solely to the Town of West Newbury. Selectman Darke told the West Newbury officials that Groveland does not want to stand in their way and placed the Article on the Warrant for the October 4th meeting.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the five Articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for October 4, 2010. Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on Articles 1-5 of the Warrant.

Appointment

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) has notified the Board that they have allocated about \$15,000 to conduct and facilitate a long term planning and meetings to explore the feasibility of the old Georgetown branch railroad through Bradford-Groveland and Georgetown to become a rail-trail connecting with the borders to Boston trail and asked that the Selectmen name a representative to work with the MVPC.

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To name John Gray, School Street, as the town's representative.

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John had expressed an interest in this project in the past and currently serves on the town's Open Space and Trails Committee.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant