



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGENDA  
October 9, 2012**

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

**Approve Minutes: Sept. 24, 2012 Exec Session (Bette & Don only)  
Sept. 27, 2012 Open Session (All)**

**Approve Warrants:**

PW # 13-14	\$ 124,686.95
DW #13-12A	\$ 22,750.23
BW #13-13	\$ 1,182,842.16

**NEEDS ATTENTION**

**Approve Property Use Permits on table (2)**

**Review correspondence, if any, take action if needed (Don and Bette – I need several dates & time from you to offer to lawyer for grievance hearing—Also, do you want Attorney Maser present?)**

**I have received a request for alcohol to be served 8 hours at a wedding at Veasey. Do you wish to consider placing a maximum hourly limit on Special Licenses? All previous have been for 4-6 hours max.**

**AGENDA APPOINTMENTS**

**6:40 p.m. – Joe D’Amore, Kathleen Kastrinelis, John Christopher, Phil Taylor, Daniel MacDonald, Michelle O’Keefe, Elizabeth Gorski, Lisa Dube-Carpenter and Norman Cotton at Board’s request to briefly discuss the committee’s charge. Committee members were asked to be sworn in at 6:30 prior to attending this meeting.**

**Adjournment**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MON., OCT. 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM @ TOWN HALL**

**Next regular meeting – Monday, October 22nd, 2012 @ 6:15 P.M.**

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Meeting called to order at 6:25 P.M.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the Open Session Minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2012, as presented. 3-0

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 24, 2012, as presented. 2-1 Darke abstain

**Warrants**

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Payroll Warrant #13-14. 2-1 - Gorski abstain

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Deduction Warrant #13-12A and Bill Warrant #13-13. 3-0

**Special One-Day Beer & Wine Licenses**

The Board's Administrative Assistant informed the Selectmen that she had received an email inquiring whether a license could be issued for 8 hours even though the party felt they would only serve beer and wine for 6 hours. The Selectmen discussed the request and agreed that One Day Licenses will be granted for up to a maximum of 6 hours per event.

**Grievance Hearing**

The Board's Assistant requested dates Selectmen Greaney and Gorski would be available to conduct a grievance hearing for a former town employee so that she can arrange the meeting with the employee and three attorneys. The Selectmen approved any day after October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Committee to Study Reorganizing town government**

Recent appointees to the Committee to Study Reorganization of town government met with the Selectmen with Chairman Darke thanking them for volunteering and giving them a brief history of previous meetings with resident Joe D'Amore regarding increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5 members. Darke addressed the committee members, Joe D'Amore, Elizabeth Gorski, Kathleen Kastrinelis, John Christopher, Daniel McDonald, Michelle O'Keefe, Phil Taylor, Vernon Cotton (member Lisa Dube' Carpenter was not present, with Selectman Gorski reporting that Lisa would be arriving later to attend the committee's meeting at 7:00), stating that the Selectmen would like them to look into whether the Board of Selectmen should be increased from three to five members, and if so, whether their duties should be expanded. Darke also told the committee they should look at town government in general and report whether changes should be made in other areas as well, citing Department of Public Works and Public Safety Director.

Selectman Greaney stated that he would prefer to rescind his vote for forming the committee; that he has concerns about being called into Boston to the Ethics Commission. He also expressed his concern about increasing the Board of Selectmen stating that it's hard enough getting people to run for the position as it is. Greaney said he doesn't see the need to change the size of the Board.

Committee member Kathy Kastrinelis stated that if discussion on creating a Public Safety Director comes up in the committee's meetings both she and Selectman Gorski will have to leave the room because they both have family members working for the town's police and fire departments. Greaney stated he sees potential ethics violations. Selectman Darke stated he understands how Greaney feels; that when the Planning Board was changed from elected to appointed, they filed against him. Gorski remarked that they are really at risk and Kastrinelis responded that she knows where her conflict is and will always make it crystal clear. Daniel MacDonald suggested that there is always politics if it's a work related issue and that it could help to have 5 members on the Board.

Chairman Darke stated that D'Amore brought the change forward; that the Planning Board tried to change the size a couple of years ago and it failed; that when D'Amore suggested he would be bringing a petition to attempt the change again, that he (Darke) said lets get some people together to study this as a committee and when they are done, it should be clear whether whether five or three is needed. Darke told the committee that the Finance Director had said there are some other things the Selectmen can do. Attorney Christopher suggested the committee will talk to other towns that have increased the size of the Board of Selectmen. Joe D'Amore told the Board what he feels is a reasonable anticipated time frame; that the committee conduct their work and be ready to present their findings in early March, 2013; that Articles for changes be placed on the April 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the 2014 Election Ballot. D'Amore distributed copies of the agenda he had prepared for the committee's first meeting at 7:00 P.M. this evening. Joe told the Board that he's interested in increasing the size of the Board from 3 to 5 members and that other committee members have an interest in other things. Chairman Darke responded, telling the committee that the Board of Selectmen typically give the committee its charge and told them that their main concern should be determining whether the Board of Selectmen size should be increased to five

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members, review the current organizational status of Groveland's town government then report back their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

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

**VOTED:** To adjourn. 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Lewandowski  
Administrative Assistant

10-22-12