



UWH OF GROVELAND

2012 MAR 22 PM 6:18

TOWN CLERK
RECEIVED/POSTED

MEETING NOTICE

(MGL Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25)

COMMITTEE OR
CONVENING BODY:

Board of Selectmen

MEETING PLACE:

Selectmen's Conference Room
Town Hall – 183 Main Street, Groveland, MA

DATE & TIME OF
MEETING:

Monday, March 26, 2012 @ 6:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman calls meeting to order
Approve Minutes
Approve Weekly Warrants
Approve Property and Field Use Permits-Pentucket
Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals, if an
Review Correspondence, votes may be taken

Draft of Town Meeting Warrant – review and approve for submittal to
Town Counsel – *Discuss Articles previously not
approved for Warrant*

6:20 p.m. – Public hearing to consider Transfer of Beer & Wine
License of S.B.A.P. Ram Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Gerry's Variety,
15 Elm Park, Sanjay Patel, Manager.

6:30 p.m. – Executive Session in accordance with the
provisions of MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase
of real property. Vote may be taken.

7:15 PM BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS - Discuss Petition submitted
7:30 p.m. – Meeting with Soccer Representatives and abutters to *FOR COMMAND*
Shanahan Field to discuss proposal to install field lights on the field *Vehicle*

8:00 p.m. - Finance Board – discuss Omnibus budget, raises for
non-contractual employees and whether Prop 2-1/2 override will
be needed. Votes needed if placing questions on Town Election Ballot

8:45 p.m. – Jen True and Karen Label – True Vision Softball – to
Inquire as to why they weren't invited to a Fall Meeting, not receiving
emails and their feeling that Groveland has dismissed their league and
are shunning them

Executive Session in accordance with the
provisions of MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy session
in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel

Adjournment

Signed:

Nancy Lewandowski

Date: March 22, 2012

All meeting notices must be time stamped and filed in the Town Clerk's Office and posted
48 hours prior to the meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and all Holidays).

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MARCH 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:21 P.M.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Liquor License Transfer

Chairman Gorski called to order public hearing on the transfer of liquor license transfer of S.B.A.P. RAM Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Gerry's Variety, 15 Elm Park, Groveland, MA, Sanjay Patel, Manager, for a Wine and Malt License. There were no abutters present nor had any written comments been received. Following presentation by Mr. Patel and his attorney, Joseph Devlin, moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve the transfer of Wine and Malt License back to Sanjay Patel, Manager and forward the application to ABCC for approval.

Minutes

No Minutes available for review.

Warrants

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #12-38
2-1 - Gorski abstained

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #12-36A and Bill Warrant #12-37.
3-0

Library Shed Request

Selectmen reviewed a written request from Library Trustee Chairman Kathleen Prunier requesting permission to allow Whittier Vo-Tech to build a storage shed for them behind the Langley-Adams Library Building (in place of the storage pod they have been renting). Finance Director Labrecque told the Board that he had viewed the area and saw no problem with allowing it. Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Library Trustees' request to have Whittier Vo-Tech build a storage shed in place of the storage pod located to the rear of the library, cost of materials to be paid from the library donation fund.
3-0

Finance Director-Trinity Ambulance Contract

Finance Director Labrecque informed the Board that Trinity Ambulance has asked that the town extend its contract term by one additional year to bring it in line with the City of Haverhill's. Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To extend the town's contract with Trinity Ambulance by one
(1) additional year, said extended contract to expire on June 30, 2015.

Executive Session

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 30A, Sec.21(a) (6) to discuss the value of real property located at Center Street a portion of which is known as Strawberry Fields. 3-0

GREANEY, DARKE, GORSKI – "AYE";

Chairman Gorski announced that to continue in Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board of Selectmen, and that votes may be taken and that the Board will return to Open Session to continue with the remainder of their agenda.

Executive Session was entered at 6:30 p.m. and closed at 7:15 p.m. The Minutes of the Executive Session can be found in a separate binder filed in the Selectmen's Assistant's Office.

Board of Fire Engineers

Chairman Gorski informed the Fire Engineers that the Capital Improvement Committee was invited to attend this portion of the meeting to discuss the petitioned Article submitted by an unknown source for Annual Town Meeting for a \$49,000.00 Fire command vehicle. Concern was expressed about the wording of the Article and the Board told the Engineers they would like to speak with the sponsor. Selectman Darke asked whether the petition was sponsored by the Engineers and the Chief responded that it was a citizen. It was stated that Finance Director Labrecque had suggested the vehicle could be acquired through lease purchase and Labrecque responded that it can be acquired that way but would still need Capital Improvement's approval and funding. Labrecque also stated that if the petitioned Article passes at Town Meeting then \$49,000.00 will be needed to be cut from other budgets.

Jeff Pappas from CIC told the Selectmen that his committee met with the Chief in January and was told that the Engineers had voted to put an Article on for the Command Vehicle; that the Chief had brought Pappas an estimate of what a command vehicle would be; that they discussed it and the committee discussed it and felt that they did not have enough information to consider the request; that he asked the Chief to bring them information on what other area departments have them; asked if he would consider the possibility of obtaining a used vehicle; and how would they pay for it. Pappas told the Selectmen that his committee felt they could not rush through this request, that it was the first time a command vehicle was before them and they had additional questions about outfitting the vehicle with computers and radios. The Board's Assistant told the Selectmen that she never received any Articles from the Fire Engineers.

Selectman Darke expressed concern about what happens when we don't all work together; that once someone did not get what they want then the process is circumvented. Pappas asked why the CIC did not hear about the need until January when their forms are sent out in August. Chief Clement stated the vehicle was in the plan for many, many years and Pappas stated there was never a command vehicle; there first was a pick-up truck, then a retired police cruiser, not a command vehicle. Pappas told all present that his committee received the request too late and scheduled it for future consideration in fiscal 2014 and asked the Chief to provide sufficient information. No other decision was reached and Selectman Darke told the Engineers that town meeting preparation is on a time-frame; that we need to get everything early as possible and the Warrants prepared so that they can be sent to town counsel for review; that a process needs to be followed.

Public hearing-consider field lights at Shanahan Field

Approximately 45 abutters to Shanahan Field had received notice of the public meeting and invited to attend to hear proposals from Groveland Youth Soccer for installing lights at the Shanahan soccer fields. Present representing GYS were Richard DeStefano and Gino Cenci and 3 youth soccer coaches and approximately 15 residents. Information presented by GYS representatives was as follows:

- Lights would be used to practice into early evening for times of year when it gets dark early (only in the Fall)
- Goal is to have lights running until 9pm during the week days and not on weekends
- Funding to be provided by GYS not town funds
- Will try to have wiring underground and not added poles
- GYS will pay the cost for operating the lights
- Most times light would only be on for a half hour at a time; that they are needed for safety reasons
- Difficult to see where the kids are as darkness sets in
- Will address issues of flood zone area with Conservation
- Approximately 350-400 kids use the field

Residents comments:

- Seems like an awful lot of money for needing lights for a half hour six weeks out of a year and makes no sense
- Suggested that part of the Shanahan Field property is in the flood zone and questioned about adding poles of underground wiring; that Conservation needs to be met with
- Residents deal with the issues every week, noise, profanity, coaches screaming at players, whistles blowing
- That the area is a quiet neighborhood until soccer starts up and the fields don't belong there
- Can't enjoy their decks and outdoors
- Not against soccer but no one wants it in their back yards
- Just another reason to prolong use of the field
- You have to give everyone a break
- Two residents stated they don't want lights at all and believe others feel that way too

- No parking, cars turning on residents lawns
- 4th of July should have had a police cruiser due to there being about 150 cars on people's lawns and little kids running across the street
- Traffic is always horrendous when soccer is being played and cars do not stop at the stop sign

Chairman Gorski told the neighbors that the Selectmen understand that the neighbors to Shanahan need a quality of life. GYS representatives were asked to meet with Conservation and then the neighbors and GYS can return to continue discussion on whether lights should be added to area. Selectman Darke stated that the open space on Center Street would satisfy a lot of needs if the town could purchase that property. Chairman Gorski told the GYS representatives that the Board of Selectmen appreciate and applaud those who work with the kids.

Finance Board

Chairman Carlos Husick met with the Board to discuss the Finance Board recommendations for the Special and Annual Town Meetings in April. Labrecque told the Board that 61% of the budget goes to education; that he recommends the additional funding Pentucket is requesting should go on as an override in the sum of \$192,662. Labrecque noted there were modest increases in health insurance and Essex County Retirement. Labrecque informed the Board that on an average \$352,000 valued home the increase will be as follows: \$114.41 annual 2.5% increase, Bagnall project \$146.55, and if the override passes an additional \$84.57 for a total of \$340.00 increase. Selectman Darke responded that they have no choice but to put the additional school budget request on the ballot for a general override. Labrecque noted that if Merrimac passes the override and Groveland doesn't, it will not be pretty; that the town will lose police officer(s) and staff at the library and possibly at town hall. Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To place an override question of the Town Election Warrant seeking a \$192,662.00 override for Pentucket Regional School District budget. 3-0

Carlos informed the Board that the Finance Board feels a 1.5% raise would be appropriate for non-union employees. Carlos told the Board that it is tough for them to determine what a non-union employee is worth. Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve a 1.5% increase be budgeted for all non-union employees for fiscal year 2013. 3-0

True Vision Women's Softball

Jen True and Karen Leblanc told the Board they wished to talk about the Pines softball field and the schedule of field use; that last year they had Fridays and Sundays and this year they have grown to 10 teams and can't have the same nights as last year. Selectman Greaney responded that they can't keep having groups grow; that there is only one softball field with time wanted by four groups. The True Vision reps asked the Board what they had done to not receive the same days as last year; that last year the field was not being used for times it had been reserved for by the other league. The Board's Assistant informed the Board that she had been working with Groveland's Rec youth softball rep and was creating the schedule like last year, Pentucket and Recreation first, DTS and True Vision; that the problem was Rec seems to need more field time

MINUTES-PAGE #5
MARCH 26, 2012

than they did last year due to their program growing and that everyone is expecting to use the fields on the weekends which is a problem with just one field. Selectmen asked their Assistant not to finish the scheduling until the Rec's dates were finalized then schedule the other requests and reminded True that field use requests must be sent to the Board's Assistant. True told the Selectmen she would like weekend dates from June 3rd through the middle of August; that her league has another field to use in Salisbury but it doesn't have lights. Leblanc told the Board that many of their players are from Groveland.

Veto

Fire Captain Tracy Gilford told the Board that eight to ten firemen were talking about forming a committee to work on the preservation of the Veto; that the room in which it is stored needs to be climate controlled and they want to find out what they would need to do to be able to obtain some of the CPA funds to pay for the preservation.

Selectman Gorski recused herself from the remainder of the meeting due to the matter to be discussed being a police department matter. The Selectmen announced they would return to Open Session at the close of the Executive Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting.

Executive Session

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel. 2-0

Executive Session was entered at 9:35 P.M. and closed at 9:55 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Selectmen's Assistant's Office.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn. 2-0

Adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant