

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGENDA**

**April 9, 2012**

**6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order**

**All stand for Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Warrants:**

PW # 12-40	\$ 112,970.64
DW #12-38A	\$ 21,235.23
BW #12-39	\$ 925,690.62

**NEEDS ATTENTION**

**Approve Property Use Permits-Pentucket Babe Ruth Baseball**

**Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals**

**Review Correspondence, take action if needed 1) Geno Cenci, et al would like another meeting with the Shanahan Field ---see email attached. What is the Board's pleasure?  
2) See correspondence from Pentucket School Committee Secretary requesting the town include an Article in its Warrant for the School Committee to borrow \$250,000 for replacing kitchen equipment and renovation of Donaghue Elementary in Merrimac**

**AGENDA APPOINTMENTS**

**6:20 p.m. - Certificate Presentation to youth volunteers who assisted with softball field cleanups and painting of dugouts at Pines and Bagnall**

**6:30 p.m. – Water/Sewer Commissioners at Board's request to discuss parcel of town land to be used by Light Dept. for solar panels**

**6:50 p.m. - Electric Light Manager and at least one Commissioner to discuss annual Article for Town Meeting (payment in lieu of taxes),**

**Review Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants and Election Warrant, vote Board's recommendations and sign for posting**

**Date of next regular meeting – April 23, 2012 @ 6:15 P.M.**

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 9, 2012

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

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **6: 20 P.M. - Certificates of Appreciation**

Dan Stewart, Recreation Committee member and head of the Groveland Youth Softball League and several players who recently donated their time and efforts to help clean up and prepare the softball fields at the Pines and at Bagnall School for the 2012 playing season, assisted with painting the dugouts and other odd jobs, met with the Board so that the Selectmen could meet the children and commend them for their community service. The Selectmen read aloud Certificates of Appreciation they presented to the following youth: Andrew, Sophia, Laura, Madison. Selectmen told the children how proud they were to hear of their involvement, thanked each one and wished them a fun softball season. Chairman Gorski also thanked Dan Stewart for informing the Board of the children's community service so that the Board could recognize them and asked him to thank the other grownups who participated in the cleanup.

#### **Minutes**

No Minutes available for review.

#### **Warrants**

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Payroll Warrant #12-40  
2-1 - Gorski abstained

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Deduction Warrant #12-38A and Bill Warrant #12-39.  
3-0

#### **Shanahan Field Meeting Continuation**

The Board's Assistant informed the Board that she had received an email from Soccer representative Geno Cinci asking that the Board schedule the next meeting with the Shanahan soccer field abutters. The Board reviewed their meeting schedule and decided not to meet on Election Day due to Selectman Gorski having an opponent and to continue on the every other meeting schedule thereafter, approving their Assistant notifying all parties that discussion on the proposed lights for Shanahan will continue on Monday, May 21, 2012.

**Article Approving School Committee Borrowing– Merrimac’s Donaghue School Project**

Selectmen reviewed the request received from the School Committee to include in Groveland’s Warrant an Article approving the School Committee borrowing for Merrimac’s Donaghue School Project. Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the request of the Pentucket Regional School Committee to insert in Groveland’s Warrant an Article to approve the School Committee borrowing necessary funding for Merrimac’s Donaghue School renovation project.

**Water/Sewer and Electric Departments – Solar Panel Project proposed for Well #1 site**

Selectmen met with Water Commissioners and informed them that they have been working with town counsel for Articles for town meeting which would allow the Selectmen to lease or grant some other type of agreement for land off Main Street where Well #1 is located; that a problem has occurred since the Board first agreed to lease 16-18 acres of that property to the Light Department for its proposed solar panel project. The Board’s Assistant told the Commissioners that although the property was deeded to the “town of Groveland” and continues to be under the care, custody and control of the town, a motion was made at town meeting when the town acquired the land from Merrimack Paving for \$1.00 which required the \$1.00 to be paid from Water Department revenue due to the site being used for Well #1; that town counsel informed the Board that town meeting will need to approve the Selectmen entering into an agreement with the Light Department; and that Special Legislation will need to be sought due to the land being used for water protection purposes. The Water Commissioners were told they would need to vote that the portion of the land that the Light Department wishes to lease for its solar project is no longer needed for water department use. Commissioners voted to allow the Selectmen to continue discussions with the Light Department.

Light Manager Cloutier and Light Commissioner Brady arrived at the meeting and the Water Commissioners remained to hear discussion on the proposed solar panel project. Cloutier told those present that he has been working with the Water Superintendent about using this land; that they will need approximately 17-18 acres of the site and a 400’ radius within Zone 1 will be maintained. The parties discussed what DEP may require and Cloutier told the parties that they will need to meet with Conservation in regards to the wetlands on the site. Cloutier told the parties that DEP encourages this type of project. Cloutier then described for those present how the rows of panels will be tilted; that environmentally friendly fluids are used and nothing hazardous will be used that could leak into the aquifer; that the company will clean the panels only with water. Selectman Darke asked about the trucks delivering to the site and the possibility of a spill at the site and Cloutier responded that any concerns could be addressed. Cloutier, when asked about site preparation, informed those present that the company will cut everything down, remove stumps and re-grade the area. Water Commissioner Adams told Cloutier that whatever the winning company does, the Water Department has been trying to establish some top soil out there and told him that whatever the company does he would want them to re-establish some sort of top soil. Cloutier told Adams that the company did mention vegetation and maintenance and suggested DEP should have input on this. Water Commissioner Sheehan asked whether the company removes the equipment at the end of the lease and Cloutier stated that he could renew the Agreement for an additional 5 year but when

the project ends the company would remove everything and bring the site back to its original condition. Commissioner Willet asked whether steel or concrete will be driven into the ground for the foundations and Cloutier responded probably both would be used. Commissioner Adams asked that Cloutier use a 450' radius so if they need a new Well the panels and equipment will not affect this. Supt. Cusick asked what if the Water Department decided to do some work out there in the future and Cloutier told him that they would still have access to the monitoring wells. Adams also suggested that Cloutier may want to reserve a half acre more to the road. Chairman Gorski suggested the Commissioners put a list together so that the Selectmen know all of their concerns and what they want to maintain; that the 450' radius is important to them. Adams asked that Cloutier get a conceptual plan to the Selectmen as quickly as possible.

Adams asked what Cloutier's thought was on Main Street and Cloutier responded to give the company a legal right to get into the property; that 130' frontage incorporates the driveway; that the company would need to go into the property a handful of times each year.

Cloutier told the Boards that he has already contact Senator Bruce Tarr to ask for his assistance in pushing the Article 97 Legislation through in a timely manner.

In other business, Light Commissioner Brady and Cloutier told the Selectmen that the Light Commissioners have not as yet voted the amount of the payment in lieu of taxes they normally pay the town each year per vote of Annual Town Meeting. The Selectmen told Brady that they would be keeping the Article on the Warrant which currently states \$35,000.00 but if they want to approve more, the town will accept it.

#### **Road Commissioner**

Chairman Gorski asked the Board's Assistant to invite the Road Commissioner in to an upcoming meeting so they can discuss whether a road study committee should be appointed again to finish roads that weren't completed in the previous round, and to continue the upkeep of the roads that were reconstructed earlier.

#### **Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants**

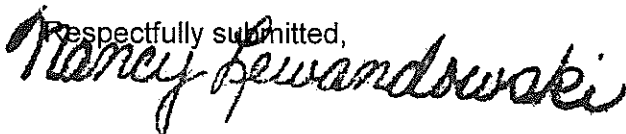
Selectmen reviewed the town meeting warrants and made their recommendations.

#### **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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  


Nancy Lewandowski  
Administrative Assistant