



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, June 18, 2012 @ 6:15 P.M.

Open Meeting – Stand for Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Minutes, vote needed
Approve Weekly Warrants, vote needed

Approve Property Use Permits, if any
Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals, if any
Review Correspondence, votes may be needed

Review Special Town Meeting Warrant & make recommendation,
vote will be needed

Review Annual Appointment List and begin Board's reappointments

6:30 p.m. – Open Space – Alex Johnson & Mike Dempsey—
Executive Session may be called for under MGL Ch.30A, Sec. 21(a) (6)
To consider the value of real property

7:00 p.m. - Senator Bruce Tarr –update town on Special Legislation
(Bill filed by town regarding Electric Department's proposed solar panel
Project)

Signed:

Date: June 14, 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).*



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA
June 18, 2012**

6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order

All stand for Pledge of Allegiance

**Approve Meeting Minutes: Bill & Don only: Executive-5/23/12, Open
& Exec if 6/11/12; Executive – 6/4/12**

All approve Open Session 6/4/12 & 5/21/12

Approve Warrants:

PW # 12-50	\$ 185,158.19
DW #12-48A	\$ 20,413.81
BW #12-49	\$ 615,484.15

NEEDS ATTENTION

**Approve Property Use Permits -- Several on table
Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals**

**Correspondence- (1) See letter of complaint received from Christine Higgins regarding
incident at Pines on June 8th & email received today from Rec member Dan Stewart.
Would you like me to invite them to our next meeting?**

**See email and attachment received from Erin Pinkham, (town resident) who would like
your permission to conduct the activity mentioned in her attachment but asks that it not be
publicly discussed-vote needed**

**Review next Monday's Special Town Meeting Warrant – one Article, and vote Board's
recommendation**

Annual Appointment lists attached

**FYI only – See letter from Haverhill Police Chief Alan DeNaro thanking Groveland Chief for
allowing Haverhill to utilize our holding cells**

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

**6:30 p.m. – Alex Johnson & Mike Dempsey – regarding letters they need signed by
Chairman and possibly other updates**

**7:00 p.m. – Senator Bruce Tarr to update on Board of Special Legislation for Light
Department's proposed solar panel project, vote may be needed**

Date of next regular meeting – July 2, 2012 @ 6:15 P.M.

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Meeting called to order at 6:28 P.M.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To accept the following Minutes, as presented:
Executive Session Minutes – May 23, 2012
Executive Session Minutes – June 4, 2012
Open & Executive Session Minutes – June 11, 2012
2 – 1, Selectman Gorski abstained

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of the open meeting of June 4, 2012 and
May 21, 2012, as presented. 3-0

Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #12-50
2-1, Gorski abstained

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #12-48A and Bill Warrant #12-49.
3-0

Property Use Permits

Selectmen signed several property use permits for the COA and Library.

Bagnall Building Project Bill Submittals

Chairman Darke signed several Bagnall Building Project submittals.

Correspondence

Board reviewed letter of complaint received from Christine Higgins regarding incident at Pines on June 8th and email received from Recreation member Dan Stewart. Chairman Darke asked that both individuals be asked to attend the Board's meeting prior to Special Town Meeting on June 25th at 6:45 p.m.

Board reviewed letter received from resident Erin Pinkham requesting permission to plan and conduct a scavenger hunt activity in the Fall of 2012 as outlined in the attached

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paper work provided by Ms. Pinkham. Erin asked that the details not be discussed publicly.

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve the request received from Erin Pinkham to conduct a scavenger hunt activity in the Fall of 2012, provided Ms. Pinkham works out the details with the Chief of Police. 3-0

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Selectmen reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant, said meeting scheduled for June 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on Article #1. 3-0

Conservation/Open Space

Conservation Chairman Mike Dempsey and Open Space member Derek Bedard met with the Selectmen to discuss the letters needed to apply for State grants for the Center Street properties the town is interested in purchasing. Dempsey told the Board that the town could receive up to \$400,000 for each property the town is interested in, and that CPA and Water Commissioners are interested in helping with the costs; that the grants need to be filed by July 15th.

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To authorize Chairman Darke to sign the required letters naming Mike Dempsey the point person for the properties on Center Street and authorizing Dempsey permission to file for the State grants and work with the State. 3-0

Darke told Dempsey he had been in contact with the one of the land owners and will call him again tomorrow. The Board agreed to meet with Mike and Open Space again on July 9th, 2012, time to be determined closer to the meeting date. Dempsey stated they are waiting for the two additional appraisals and hopefully will have them for the next meeting. Dempsey told the Board that they may know by November if the town will receive the grants. Dempsey stated he may try to get assistance on putting the grants together from Essex County Greenbelt; that he will need help with conservation restrictions.

Meeting schedule

Selectmen reviewed their meeting dates for July and decided to change their July 2nd meeting to July 9th and to maintain the prior schedule to meet again on July 16th and every other week thereafter. The Finance Director was asked to have the Bi-Weekly Warrants ready for signing on Friday, June 29th.

Year end fund transfers

Building Inspector requested additional funding to pay a woman he has had do filing in his office. Finance Director Labrecque will speak with Schena and advise him he can't overspend his expense account again; that he must live within his appropriation.

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the request for \$1,500.00 additional expense money for the Building Inspector's FY12 expense budget to pay for the filing expenses incurred to date. 3-0

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Other Wages account to Police Expense account as requested by Police Chief. 2-1, Gorski abstained

Resident concerns with traffic

A resident spoke to Chairman Darke about the traffic in the Square, concerned that with the closing of the Rocks Village bridge the traffic will increase in our Square. Darke asked if we should have an officer directing traffic during morning rush and evening rush hours. Finance Director Labrecque suggested Darke should talk with MA Highway and/or someone from Chenbo regarding the traffic and whether they will provide payment for an officer to direct traffic.

Annual Appointments effective July 1, 2012

Selectmen reviewed the Annual Appointment List prepared by their Assistant, and decided to wait to allow them time for continue review. Chairman Darke asked that the Board of Engineers be scheduled for a meeting for the Board to have a candid conversation with.

Selectmen reviewed list of Central/South Station firefighters, the Officers and Clerk, and upon motion duly made by Greaney, seconded by Gorski, it was

VOTED: To appoint all fire personnel listed on the sheet recommending Central/South Station firefighters, said appointments effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, a copy of said list is attached hereto. 3-0

Selectmen reviewed list of appointees submitted by the Chief of Police. Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To appoint all Reserve Officers, Matrons/Lock-Up Keepers submitted by the Chief of Police, a copy of said recommendations are attached hereto, appointments effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 2-1, Gorski abstained

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Selectmen reviewed list of appointees submitted by the Chief of Police. Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To appoint various police/public safety personnel as show on list submitted by the Chief of Police, a copy of said recommendations are attached hereto, appointments effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 2-1, Gorski abstained

Selectmen reviewed a second list of appointees submitted by the Chief of Police. Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To appoint the Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormasters, Emergency Management Director and Assistant Directors and Animal Control Officer and Assistants as recommended by the Chief of Police, a copy of said recommendations are attached hereto, appointments effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 2-1, Gorski abstained

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter received from Elm Park resident William O'Neil, requesting consideration of appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee and/or the Finance Board, or would consider serving on both. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To appoint William O'Neil, of 45 Elm Park, to serve a one year term as a member on the Capital Improvement Committee and on the Finance Board, said appointments effective July 1, 2012 through 2013; that at the end of the one year term, the Board will appoint for two years to finish the 3 year term on each if Mr. O'Neil so wishes. 3-0

Fox 25 June 15th Zip Trip to Groveland

Selectman Gorski announced a thank you to everyone who came down and joined in the activities of Fox 25's Zip Trip to Groveland.

Water Commissioners, Electric Light Superintendent & Senator Bruce Tarr

The Water Commissioners & Superintendent & Electric Superintendent were present to hear the update from Senator Tarr on the town's Home Rule Petition to allow solar panels on town land where Well #1 is located. Also present was the Light Department's Engineer, Woody Cammett. Commissioner Bruce Adams stated that DEP is looking for the Water customers to receive some monetary benefit from the agreement to allow the solar panel project on the Well site; that the Water Department pays \$20,000 in electric costs per year. Cammett gave a briefing on DEP laws for using water department land. Cammett stated that he had re-designed the project and made it slightly smaller due to there being a wood turtle on the property close to Argilla Brook; that a habitat study by certified environmentalist found proof of the wood turtle; that they have to submit a dollar amount to support the wood turtle habitat. Cammett asked that Chairman Darke be approved to sign the application presented by Cammett on behalf of the Electric Department. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To authorize Chairman Darke to sign the application prepared by Woody Cammett for the Electric Light Department. 3-0

Senator Bruce Tarr arrived and updated all parties on the status of the Home Rule Petition he and Representative Stanley have filed on behalf of the town for use of the town land where Well #1 is situated. Senator Tarr provided the amendment to the Home Rule Petition that is required by Department of Environmental Affairs and informed the Selectmen that the Bill is waiting for the Selectmen to approve the amendment to the Bill so that it may move forward; that EOEA's concern is that there is no net loss of conservation restricted property and that they will accept transferring the town forest and putting a conservation restriction there with the exception of all but 5-6 acres for the Water Department water tower. Senator Tarr informed the boards that with the amendment to the Bill, EOEA would be accepting of the project with those changes.

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen authorize the amendment of the Home Rule Petition relative to the solar panel facility, said amended Bill to read as follows:

"An Act authorizing the town of Groveland to provide for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility on land held for water supply purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Groveland, in consultation with the board of water commissioners, may authorize a change of use of all or a portion of a parcel of land recorded in the Essex southern district registry of deeds in book 5217, page 779, and as shown of map 24, lot 41 on the Groveland assessors' maps from water supply purposes to water supply and protection purposes and to provide for the construction and maintenance of a solar generating facility to generate electricity for distribution by the Groveland Municipal Light Department.

SECTION 2. Subject to subsections (a), (b), (g) and (i) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws and for the purposes of section 1, the board of selectmen, in consultation with the Groveland Municipal Light Department, may enter into a lease, license or other disposition of the property upon such terms and conditions as the board of selectmen and the board of water commissioners shall deem appropriate. The lease, license or other disposition may provide that the Groveland Municipal Light Department shall compensate the town of Groveland for the use of the property for the purposes described in said section 1.

SECTION 3. In consideration for the lease, license or other disposition of the property pursuant to sections 1 and 2, the town of Groveland shall transfer the care, custody,

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management and control of the town forest property located on Wood street and abutting the town line with West Newbury and consisting of approximately 28 acres, not including approximately 5 acres to be used for a new water tank facility and access road, from the board of selectmen to the conservation commission and such parcel shall be used for conservation purposes.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Senator Tarr thanked the Board and stated a vote may be taken as early as Thursday of this week. He also updated the Board on possible increases to Chapter 70 and regional transportation funding. Tarr also feels the changes to the CPA law (what funding can be used for) should be completed soon. Selectman Greaney thanked him for his support on the CPA changes and asked the Senator where the Senate stands with the hold up on Chapter 90. Senator Tarr stated that the concern is with the federal matching amount; that the House will take up a new Bill this week and that he is hoping they will get a new bill and the Senate will act on it immediately; that he understands how the cities and towns depend on this funding for their road work and that we are now in construction season.

Senator Tarr told the Selectmen it is always an honor to represent them and that the town made him particularly proud last Friday when it was part of Fox 25's Zip Trip. Chairman Darke thanked Senator Tarr for attending the meeting and providing the updates.

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

VOTED: To adjourn. 3-0

Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant