



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA
September 24, 2012**

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

Approve Minutes: September 10, 2012 (Bette & Don only)

Approve Warrants:

PW # 13-12	\$ 129,565.23
DW #13-10A	\$ 21,440.87
BW #13-11	\$ 664,454.82

NEEDS ATTENTION

**Approve Property Use Permits on table
Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals, if any**

Review Correspondence, take action if needed (1) Email from Erin Pinkham requesting appointment as auxiliary member on the Groveland Recreation Committee; (2) See attached letter from Kathleen Prunier requesting permission to use Library Lawn for a library program; (3) See letter from Library Chairman Lisa Dube-Carpenter regarding the Trustees voting to approve Nathalie Harty as permanent employee. Board needs to vote to approve.

Please approve One Day Liquor License for Veasey Park Annual Art Show

Discuss need to call Fall Town Meeting (in order to have a PILOT Agreement for the Solar Lease, town meeting needs to approve the BOS entering into the PILOT Agreement). Board needs to vote to call meeting, when and date Warrant will close. (I request you close it no later than Thursday unless you want the meeting when Greg will be back from his vacation).

Please review final Lease with Light Department which has been revised and approved by our counsel and Light Department's. If you approve, please re-vote to approve and sign.

Decision needed on what the charge will be for committee to study re-organization of town government, the size of the committee, and then consider appointment of some of the following residents who have submitted their names: Joe D'Amore, Vern Cotton, John Christopher, Kathleen Kastrinelis, Daniel McDonald, Michelle O'Keefe, Robert O'Hanley, Selectman Gorski, Greg Labrecque (see email from Joe D'Amore outlining his thoughts)

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:30 p.m. – Chief Kirmelewicz & Deputy Gillen regarding Deputy Gillen’s completion of FBI 10 week training

Executive Session needed with Selectman Greaney and Gorski to review and respond to letter from Stephen Colella, Esquire (you had a copy at your last meeting—attaching another copy together with town counsel’s email advising how you should respond)

Next of next regular meeting – Tuesday, October 9th, 2012 @ 6:15 P.M.

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Meeting called to order at 6:34 P.M.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elm Park

Chairman Darke announced that the Selectmen had met with the Road Commissioner at Elm Park this evening prior to the start of the meeting so Arakelian could show the Board the changes that will need to be done to Elm Park due to the new bridge. Darke explained that although the town had worked with MA Highway 10 years ago when Elm Park was renovated, the State has now informed Arakelian that the two Elm trees next to the clock must come down. Arakelian had told the Selectmen that he had met with an Arborist who informed him that the Elms can't be spaded and uprooted because of the way the roots haven't formed properly. This needs to be done because of changes to the sidewalk due to ADA requirements. Resident Phil Taylor asked whether the State will replace the trees or compensate the town for them. Selectman Greaney responded that they will not compensate the town for the two near the clock.

Deputy Gillen Graduates F.B.I. Academy

Chief Kirmelewicz informed the Board of Selectmen that Deputy Gillen has completed ten weeks of advanced classroom instruction in law enforcement, investigative procedures, management, communication strategies and training at the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, VA. Kirmelewicz told said that the academy is known internationally for its academic excellence and that it offers training for officers with proven records as professionals within their agencies; that only 1% of all officers throughout the country are chosen to attend this prestigious program. Kirmelewicz told the Board that Sgt. McDonald stepped up during the Deputy's absence and took on the added work load. Kirmelewicz noted that people don't realize what a sacrifice it is for the families of the men and women who are chosen to participate.

Deputy Gillen thanked the Board and everyone ⁱⁿ who supported him attending the academy, acknowledging his wife Lori and stating how he was away for their anniversary, her birthday and their son going off to college for the first time. Gillen also thanked his fellow officers and dispatchers who gave him tremendous support.

Deputy Gillen told the Board that his classes began at 8:00 a.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m.; that they had a heavy load of homework most nights. The training is accredited by the University of Virginia and is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees and recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. Deputy Gillen said that he received a lot of on the job training and experiences from other attendees; that there were officers from every State but one, and officers from 24 foreign countries. Darke asked about the physical and mental challenges and Gillen responded that the academy teaches having a healthy living style, the importance of taking care of yourself, exercising, etc. Physical exercise such as climbing ropes, walls and cliffs, running and intense

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fitness and obstacle courses are all part of the training. Gillen showed the Selectmen his framed diploma he received at his graduation on September 21, 2012.

Selectman Gorski asked Deputy Gillen if he would be sharing his experience with the rest of the department and Gillen said he will be. Gorski told Gillen that not only does he have a family at home but also one at the station and Deputy Gillen responded that the Chief has driven that home over the years and that he wants things to improve at the department. Chairman Darke told Gillen he agreed with him.

Greaney asked what the hardest thing was and Gillen told the Selectmen that the first research paper was; that he had been away from that type of work for so long he felt overwhelmed at first getting back into research and paper writing. Greaney asked if they did scenarios of things in the field and Gillen told him they used the Gettysburg situation; that it was so well put together and so well organized. Selectman Gorski asked Gillen if he sees how important training is for everybody and Deputy Gillen told her yes he does; that they have been trying to get money for training for their men for a long time. Gillen told the Board that he is where he is today because of the training he has had over the years.

Selectman Gorski asked about contacts Gillen may have made and he stated he has 200 people he can send emails to for help at anytime going forward.

Chief Kirmelwicz presented Deputy Gillen with a Chief's plaque which read:

"Presented to Deputy Chief Jeffrey T. Gillen, September 24, 2012. I commend you for your prestigious accomplishment in attendance and graduation from the F.B.I. National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, Section #250, July 15th to September 21st, 2012. On behalf of the Groveland Police Department I would like to recognize you for this honor that you have worked so diligently to achieve and for the respect that you have brought upon our agency. In Appreciation, Chief Robert J. Kirmelewicz."

Selectman Greaney asked Chief Kirmelewicz to thank the rest of his department's staff for their support and taking on some of the Deputy's duties while he was at the Academy. Chief Kirmelewicz responded that he feels they have a great department; that the men work well as a cohesive department and everything is starting to come together.

Selectmen congratulated Deputy Gillen on his achievement and welcomed him back to duty with the town.

Minutes

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2012.
as presented. 2 – 1 – Darke abstained due to having been absent

Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #13-12. 2-1 - Gorski abstained

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #13-10A and Bill Warrant #13-11. 3-0

Appointment

Selectmen reviewed written request of resident Erin Pinkham requesting appointment as an Auxilliary member on the Groveland Recreation Committee. Gorski moved, Greaney seconded, and it was

VOTED: To appoint Erin Pinkham as an Auxilliary Member on the Groveland Recreation Committee, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2013. 3-0

Property Use Request

Kathleen Prunier, Trustee of the Langley-Adams Library, submitted a written request for use of the town complex front green on October 20, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM for a program for the non-profit animal advocacy group, the Great Dog Rescue. Prunier provided a certificate of insurance for the rescue group who will be showing some of the dogs that need homes and informed the board that the library trustees and staff will be supervising and that all animals will be leashed. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To grant permission to the Friends of Langley Adams Library to use the town complex green on October 20, 2012 between the hours of 10:00 AM-12:00PM for a program for the non-profit animal rescue group The Great Dog Rescue. 3-0

Library Director

Langley-Adams Library Trustee Lisa Dube Carpenter notified the Board that the Trustees had recently voted to approve the permanent employment status of Library Director Nathalie Harty. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the permanent employment status of Library Director Nathalie Harty effective September 1, 2012. 3-0

Request for Special One-Day Beer & Wine License

Conservation Commission submitted an application for their Annual Wine and Art Show at Veasey Park on Saturday, November 3, 2012 and requested a one-day License for serving of wine at the event. Traveling Bartenders will serve the wine and provided their Certificate of Insurance. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To grant a One Day Special License to the Conservation Commission for their Annual Wine and Art Show at Veasey Park on Saturday, November 3, 2012, with wine being served between the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with requirement that a Detail Officer be hired and present during the hours wine will be served.

Special Town Meeting

The Board's Assistant reported that a Fall Special Town Meeting will be required for the approval of the required Payment in Lieu of Tax payments for the solar project on town owned land off upper Main Street. The town property is being leased to the Groveland Light Department who has contracted with ConEd to install a field of solar panels on approximately 16 acres of the town site. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To call a Special Town Meeting for Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall and to close the Warrant for said meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2012.

Lease-Town to Groveland Light Department

The Board's Assistant asked that the Board reaffirm their vote to lease town property to the Groveland Light Department for the purpose of ConEd installing a solar field on approximately 16 acres of the town site for an annual pilot payment of \$22,500 with a 2% annual escalation clause. The vote is needed due to the changes made and agreed to by the town's counsel and light department's counsel. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve and sign the Lease between the Town of Groveland and the Groveland Light Department, for use of 16 acres of town owned property off upper Main Street for installation of a solar field.

Triple E Mosquito Concerns

Chairman Darke asked the Board's Assistant to post on the town's website a notice to our residents that the Board strongly recommends its residents refrain from outdoor activities between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and dawn, if possible, until the end of mosquito season. The town will receive a second application of spray from N.E. Mosquito Control which was approved by the Board of Health Chairman, Robert O'Hanley.

Committee to Study Reorganization of Town Government

Chairman Darke updated the public on the Board's previous discussions of the pros and cons of increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members and whether to look beyond just changing the Selectmen's board to making other changes in the town's government, suggesting the idea of making a Public Safety Director position instead of having Chiefs for Police and Fire, a Town Manager position, etc. but they don't want it so bogged down that nothing gets done. Darke stated he's not a big fan of large committees and suggested this new committee should be made up of 5 to 7 members. Resident and ZBA member Phil Taylor asked that Darke discuss what the committee will do; that he may be interested but wants to hear what the charge of the committee will be before he submits his name for consideration.

Darke responded that he does not want this (the committee's decisions) to be a political thing; that any changes recommended need to be what is best for the town, and suggested they look at the whole thing and bring their recommendations forward to the voters. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To charge the newly formed committee to study whether to change the size of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members, and look at the role of other town government positions in general, how the Town operates now and how it might operate better if changes were made.

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Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To appoint the following residents to serve on the committee to study reorganization of town government: Joseph D'Amore, Sr., Kathleen Kastrinelis, Elizabeth Gorski, Michelle O'Keefe, Phil Taylor, John Christopher, Daniel MacDonald, Vernon Cotton and Lisa Dube Carpenter.

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Chairman Darke requested that the new appointees be asked to attend the Selectmen's meeting on October 9th for a briefing and that the Board's Assistant post a meeting for the committee that same evening so they can begin their work.

The Board took a five minute recess.

At 7:45 p.m., Gorski moved, Greaney seconded, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Mass General Laws Chapter 30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) for the purpose of discussing strategy for proposed grievance filing under the Personnel Policy Plan.

GREANEY, GORSKI – "AYE"; DARKE – "ABSTAIN" and recused himself from the Executive Session and left the meeting.

Selectman Greaney announced the Board will return to the Board's Open Session following the close of the Executive Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting. Executive Session was entered at 7:45 PM and closed at 8:24 PM. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Board's Administrative Assistant's Office.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:24 PM. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant

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