

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DECEMBER 30, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:23 P.M.

Present Selectman Joseph D'Amore and Chairman Donald Greaney.

Absent Selectman Elizabeth Gorski

Approve Warrants

Moved D'Amore, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #14-26. 2-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #14-24A and Bill Warrant #13-25. 2-0

Groveland Government Advisory

GAC Chairman Daniel MacDonald met with the Selectmen to update them on GAC's actions to date. MacDonald told the Selectmen that his group has had discussions in meetings and will forward to the Selectmen for their recommendations; that the Selectmen can vote for one or as many as they deem appropriate; that GAC has invited various committees and department heads to talk about their charge. MacDonald stated that his group will look into whether to increase the Board of Selectmen from three to five members and look at what other duties the Selectmen could do for the town if the size of the Board is increased.

MacDonald told the Board that his group is hoping to have committees and the public come forward to discuss the government structure and hopes to do this through February. Chairman Greaney told MacDonald that GAC should look at whether the BOS should be increased from 3 to 5 members and look at which committees/boards could be added to the Selectmen's duties. Member John Christopher responded that he thinks GAC should look at all other departments. Selectman D'Amore stated GAC needs to concentrate on the change to 3 to 5 for the BOS and if the change is to be made what the process would be. D'Amore suggested that there would be a need for only one or two more meetings then the goal should be decided to recommend or not recommend increasing the size of the BOS.

MacDonald told the Selectmen that his group recommends that all Committee/Board Minutes be posted to the website once they have been approved; that the Road Commissioner should be appointed; that the town is need of an in-house Engineer; that the Zoning Bylaws need to be update; that costs to taxpayers need to be reduced.

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MacDonald told the Board that GAC will present the full list of their recommendations to the Board in early 2014.

David Tuttle

David Tuttle updated the Board on his recent meeting with City of Haverhill's Counsellors regarding the request to change the name of the Congressman William H. Bates Bridge (newly re-constructed bridge in Groveland/Haverhill). Tuttle told the Board that he has requested letters of support from local veteran organizations requesting their support to add to "Congressman William H. Bates Bridge" the words "Veterans Memorial" after the late Congressman's name. Tuttle told the Board that he has also met with Groveland/Haverhill Veterans' Director Michael Ingham.

Chairman Greaney suggested Tuttle contact Senator Tarr and Representative Mirra and ask for their assistance. Chairman Greaney and D'Amore both agreed that Tuttle's recommendation to add to the name rather than change is an excellent one and will provide Tuttle with a letter of support for adding the word's "Veterans Memorial" after Congressman Bates name. Chairman Greaney thanked Tuttle for all his work and his thoughtful recommendation to add rather than change.

Class II Used Car Renewal Licenses – 2014

The Board's Assistant presented the Board with four Class II Used Car Licenses needing renewal for January 1, 2014.

Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To renew the following Class II Used Car Licenses for 2014:

- 1) Greenwood Auto Body, 863 Salem Street;
- 2) South Salem St. Corp., d/b/a Price-Rite Automotive, 737 Salem Street;
- 3) Auto Repairs, Etc., Limited, 923 Salem Street; and
- 4) Fadi T. Issa, d/b/a Groveland Auto Repair & Sales, Inc., 944 Salem Street

Executive Session - #1

Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21(a) (6) for the purpose of discussing whether to extend the P&S Agreement for real property on Center Street.

GREANEY, D'AMORE – 'AYE'

Chairman Greaney declared that to have discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the board's negotiating position. The Board will return to Open

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Session at the close of the Executive Session. Executive Session was entered at 6:55 P.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. The Selectmen returned to Open Session at 7:01 P.M.

Executive Session - #2

Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Section
21(a) (3) for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations with
Fire Chief Lay. 2-0

GREANEY, D'AMORE – 'AYE'

Chairman Greaney declared that to have discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the board's negotiating position. The Board will return to Open Session for the purpose of adjourning its meeting. Executive Session was entered at 7:04 P.M. and closed at 8:20 P.M.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant