

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 26, 2013

### Selectmen Present

Donald Greaney  
Bette Gorski  
Joseph D'Amore

### In Attendance

Greg Labrecque – Finance Director  
Robert Arakelian – Road Comm.  
Gary Moulton, Pam Blaquiere,  
Dan Stewart, Ken Hamilton,  
Dorsey Piscatelli, Bob Piscatelli,  
Linda Champagne, Claire Walsh,  
Jim Sheehan, Sandra Sheehan,  
Ed Burke, Steve Merrill

Meeting called to order at 6:16 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present

Motion by Joseph D'Amore to approve deduct warrant 14-06A for \$25,983.63  
Seconded by Donald Greaney  
Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Joseph D'Amore to approve payroll warrant 14-08 for \$122,877.31  
Seconded by Donald Greaney  
Motion passed 2-0-1 (Bette Gorski abstained)

Motion by Joseph D'Amore to approve bill warrant 14-07 for \$182,057.36  
Seconded by Bette Gorski  
Motion passed 3-0

Donald Greaney introduced Michael Wood and John McComiskie who are requesting appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Cable TV Committee. Mr. Wood gave his educational credentials which included a Masters Degree in Public Administration and Mr. McComiskie related his knowledge of electronics and cable TV broadcasting components.

Motion by Bette Gorski to appoint Michael Wood to the 1 year seat available on the Zoning Board of Appeals  
Seconded by Joseph D'Amore  
Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Bette Gorski to appoint John McComiskie to the Cable TV Committee  
Seconded by Joseph D'Amore  
Motion passed 3-0

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A letter requesting appointment to the vacant seat on the Groveland Advisory Committee was received from Kathleen Prunier.

Motion by Bette Gorski to appoint Kathleen Prunier to the Groveland Advisory Committee  
Seconded by Joseph D'Amore  
Motion passed 3-0

Donald Greaney noted that they had received notification that the Groveland Fire Department has been providing mutual aid to Georgetown while one of their pieces of equipment was being repaired. Joseph D'Amore stated that he had spoken with the Acting Fire Chief and was informed that this would be a long term problem and the various neighboring communities would be taking two week turns providing mutual aid. The Selectmen agreed that the Acting Fire Chief should be invited to their next meeting to discuss what the anticipated budgetary impact might be going forward.

Discussion next focused on the issues with the ongoing problems at the Pines / Town Complex irrigation system. Don Greaney explained the issues that happen when people unfamiliar with the system tamper with it. Gary Moulton, our irrigation vendor, asked the softball representatives what exactly they wanted the system to do because the system control box has been broken in to and whoever has been playing with it is causing a lot of expense to keep reprogramming. Gary said he would make the programming change necessary and to keep it running smoothly the Selectmen determined that the lock will be changed so no unauthorized access will take place. Dan Stewart requested a copy of the key that would be returned after the fall softball season and he stated that he would be the only one with access. The Selectmen agreed to this. Bette Gorski commended the group for the work that they do on the field and wants to continue to work with them in the future.

Don Greaney then brought up the situation with the riding lawnmower that was sold by the Recreation Committee in error. They thought they had bought it when in fact it was purchased with Town funds. Pam Blaquiere stated they received \$1,500 for it and the Town would be reimbursed those funds. They apologized for the oversight and promised it would not happen again.

The Selectmen next introduced the issue of parking and potential fence work in the area adjacent to Shannahan Field. Don Greaney gave a brief overview of the parking and sidewalk issues that have developed over the years and what has been tried in the past concerning these issues. Neighbors from the area attended and wished to be heard on the issue of a potential fence running along the right of way. They first spoke of their dislike of the orange cones currently in place. James Sheehan stated that the Selectmen had already heard the options and approved a 220' fence be built along the right of way property line. Bob Piscatelli spoke as to some of the reasons he felt a fence wasn't the

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best choice including problems with snow removal, and what would happen when cars hit the fence and it needs to be repaired. He wondered if the soccer coaches could just put the cones out on game days so a fence would not be needed. Greg Labrecque noted that although the Selectmen did authorize the fence they did so on the property line and at this point it looks to be in a different place along the grass edge to the right of the property. Jim Sheehan said he had paperwork showing an additional 15' was given by the Town and he will provide it. The neighbors stated they want to be included in whatever process takes place down at the field. Joseph D'Amore asked if the neighbors would have been more acceptable of a fence if they felt they were more involved in the process. Jim Sheehan stated that they have always been informed when the issue was going to be discussed at a meeting. Dorsey Piscatelli would like all the neighbors to be involved in any decisions going forward.

As to what to do going forward Joseph D'Amore noted that there is a lot of discussion as it pertains to the Center Street land purchase but stated using that as a solution to move fields is, at best, years away. He would like the neighbors to get together amongst themselves and come up with a cost effective solution that they can all agree upon. Bette Gorski stated that this was the approach used at Washington Park when little league wanted lights and it has worked out well. Everyone had input and the solution was agreed upon and it has been honored by all parties.

Claire Walsh spoke in regards to the fence around the Historical Society building in the same location at Shanahan Field. She spoke as to the problems her tenant is having with the parking issues, speeding and general amount of traffic in the area. Ed Burke noted that he was unaware that a fence was even being considered for that building. The discussion on what area the potential fence would cover centered on the idea that it could come away from the building 8 feet from the left side so persons could get through the opening between her fence and the potential right of way fence. Original dimensions from the prior request of 16 feet off the back would stay in place.

The Selectmen decided that a site walk at a busy time would probably be helpful in getting the whole picture before making a decision and scheduled a site visit for 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2013.

They would like to revisit the issue at their next scheduled meeting on September 9, 2013.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. by Donald Greaney

Seconded by Joseph D'Amore

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Labrecque, Finance Director