



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, April 8, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman calls meeting to order

Approve Minutes
Approve Weekly Warrants

Review & sign Rubbish Contract
Approve request of Road Commissioner to deficit spend
Additional \$20,000 in snow & ice, vote needed
Approve Property Use Permits, if any

Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals, if any

Review Correspondence, if any – take action if needed

6:15 P.M. - MA DOT Representatives – to discuss work
in Square

6:45 P.M. - Mark McCabe, Cemetery Commissioner

7:00 P.M. - Steve Merrill, GYSoccer at Board's request
Also, Claire Walsh regarding parking for tenant

7:15 P.M. – Review Warrants for Town Meeting, decisions on
Articles needed, sign signature pages - Warrants
must be posted this week. Returning as requested
at last meeting - Board of Fire Engineers & Fire Chief,
Water Commissioners, Conservation Chairman,
Open Space; also Finance Board was asked to attend.

Executive Session in accordance with MGL C. 30A, Sec. 21(a)
3, for the purpose of discussing Highway/Teamsters contract
negotiations

Adjournment

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 8, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Approve Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #13-40.

DARKE, GREANEY – "AYE"; GORSKI – "ABSTAIN"

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #13-38A and Bill Warrant #13-39.

Snow & Ice Deficit Spending Request

Road Commissioner Arakelian requested approval to deficit spend an additional \$20,000 for Snow & Ice. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Road Commissioner's request to deficit spend an additional \$20,000 for Snow & Ice.

Trash Contract

Finance Director Labrecque informed the Board that he has re-negotiated the town's rubbish contract with Hiltz of Gloucester at a savings of \$20,000 now and going forward due to lowered tipping cost per ton and fuel adjustment now and going forward for the next 5 years. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve 5 year contract renewal with Hiltz of Gloucester per terms negotiated by Finance Director.

MA D.O.T. & Bridge Contractor-Request to Work Nights

Vince D'Angelo and David Connor met with the Board to discuss their plans for working on the street in Elm Park (entrance onto bridge). D'Angelo told the Board that the bridge contractor came to them and asked that the bulk of the work in the Square be done at night; that the work will be done quicker if allowed to work through the night. D'Angelo told the Board that they estimate the work to take 6 weeks. Deputy Gillen was present for the discussion and told the Board that it makes sense to have the work done when there isn't as much traffic. D'Angelo stated noise would be a concern but there aren't many residents in that immediate area; that they will be reclaiming the roadway and using that for the base; that back hoes will be used. The contractor wants to do all the drainage at once.

D'Angelo said there will be inconveniences; that traffic will be driving on dirt/gravel for a while but instead of 12 weeks, it will take no more than 6 or 7. The construction will take place between 8:00 P.M. to 5:30 A.M. Sunday through Friday. There will be one lane of traffic open and details will be used. Selectman Greaney asked if the work on the bridge will continue during daytime hours and was told it would; that they are looking to have traffic on the bridge in July. Chairman Darke told D.O.T. reps and the contractor that it makes perfect sense to work at night. Selectman Gorski asked if they will be wetting down the dirt to control the dust and the contractor replied that they would be. Fire Engineer Rock Dower stated that the fire truck can't make a left hand turn at the island and asked about an opticom system for trucks to

trigger the lights in the Square. D'Angelo responded that the lights have a pretty fancy communication system; that the lights in the Square and on Haverhill's side will be able to talk to each other. Dower asked if they will be overhead lights and was told they will be. He asked if the State will be equipping the town's fire vehicles with the communication system and D'Angelo responded that they would not be. The Selectmen thanked the men for the update.

Resignations

Cemetery Commissioner Mark McCabe submitted a letter of resignation. McCabe told the Board he is resigning due to personal work commitments and being unable to attend meetings scheduled for early in the day. McCabe told the Board he has accomplished what he wanted; that they changed the rule to allow people who have lived in town for many years then left to be able to purchase a cemetery plot; that at the discretion of the Commission a person who has lived in town 10-15 years then leaves can buy a plot. McCabe said he and his fellow Commissioners agree that Robert Guptill would be a good choice to fill the vacancy until the 2014 town election. Chairman Darke told McCabe that the Board appreciates his service to the town. Selectman Greaney thanked McCabe for everything he's done. The Selectmen will conduct a joint meeting with the remaining Cemetery Commissioners once the Commissioners submit a letter notifying the Board of the vacancy and requesting a joint meeting to appoint a replacement. Commissioner Sciacca was present and told the Board he will bring a letter to town hall the next day.

The Board also received a letter of resignation from Joe Callaghan, member of the Finance Board. The Selectmen thanked Joe for his service.

Stephen Merrill-GYSoccer

The Board asked Merrill to attend the meeting to discuss the project he has on the Town Meeting Warrant. Steve told the Board that he did meet with Capital Improvement first and emailed Chairman Pappas then went to CPA for funding; that CPA approved the project for \$95,000; that \$50-\$60,000 was designated for the bathrooms. Merrill told the Board that \$55,000 will be on the Warrant and Soccer will raise \$5,000 toward the cost. The cost for connecting to the sewer is \$10,000. Merrill told the Board he's had one discussion with a neighbor who asked him to move the porta potties and that he asked the neighbors to call him if they had any concerns.

Claire Walsh of the Historical Society was present and told the Board she was present to have follow-up discussion from their meeting last Fall; that the tenant in the Society's building is handicapped; that she is trying to park in front of the building and is being blocked. Walsh asked that the Selectmen to determine what can be designated for space around the building. She told the Board that she would like to put a post and rail fence around the property for privacy and some space in the back of the building. Chairman Darke stated he still feels that there should be lines on Main Street from the Square to shift the traffic over and have signs put up. Claire responded that they need to do something for the tenant. The Selectmen agreed to meet with Walsh and Merrill on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Town Meeting Warrants

Finance Board members and Finance Director were present and informed the Board that they had approved a balanced omnibus budget. Finance Board Chairman Bill Cook stated that they are recommending a 2.5% raise across the board. Finance Director Labrecque told the Board that the only two departments aren't in the fold, the Library has requested 5% for the Librarian and that the Water Department has requested 3+%. Cook told the Selectmen they are trying to make the raises consistent across the board. Chairman Darke responded that the Selectmen will need to have a conversation with the Library prior to Town Meeting and asked that they be asked to attend the Board's next meeting. Labrecque reported that the town budget is up less than 1%. Labrecque said going forward the town will be treading water. Chairman Darke suggested the Selectmen meet another night to go over the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Bill Cook told the Board that the Finance Board would like to hear the opinions of the Selectmen on land purchases; that he feels they need to have a discussion before Town Meeting; that the Board has a lot of questions and concerns, with some concerns about all three properties. Chairman Darke responded that they will be looking for the Finance Board's support. Cook said they all want to be on the same page going in to town meeting. Darke asked that they discuss the land Articles on April 22nd.

Executive Session

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (6) to discuss negotiations to purchase land.

GREANEY, GORSKI, DARKE – "AYE";

Selectman Darke announced that the Board will return to the Board's Open Session at the close of the Executive Session. The Executive Session was entered at 7:54 P.M. and closed at 8:48 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Selectmen's Assistant's Office.

Selectmen returned to open session at 8:48 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Finance Director Labrecque told the Board that he had asked the Board's Assistant to remove the conservation restriction from the Bussing Article and that the following be added in its place "to be held under the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes"; that as discussed with the Board this is the largest parcel of the three the town is looking to purchase; that the Commissioners are interested in the Angelini property, and both Angelini's and the Mattingly property will be voted with the conservation restriction so that CPA funds and possible grants can be used to purchase these. The Selectmen agreed that it would be in the best interest of the town to keep the Bussing property under the Board's control at this time in case there is a need for future municipal purposes.

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To close the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and approve for posting on Friday.

Board agreed to meet on Friday at 4:30 P.M. to review and approve Special Town Meeting.

Announcement to the Public

Chairman Darke made an announcement about a recent article that appeared in the local newspaper which stated that Selectman Gorski was charged with ethics violations. Darke stated that he and Selectman Greaney were off the hook. He stated that the article reported that Selectman Gorski allegedly tried to influence him and Selectman Greaney not to give a contract to the Chief. Darke stated that he told Ethics that "no", Selectman Gorski never tried to sway him not to give the Chief a contract and that he and Greaney amended the Board's Minutes because they didn't reflect what took place.

Selectman Gorski responded that she had not read the article in the Tribune or the Editorial but was told about them and was so taken aback. Gorski stated she categorically denies that she did anything wrong; that it's going to cost her a lot of money to fight the charges but "all you have is your name". Gorski stated she has received calls of support and also received hate mail; that she denies the allegations and thanked her family and good friends for their support.

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Executive Session

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss contract negotiations with Teamsters/Groveland Highway Department.

GREANEY, GORSKI, DARKE – "AYE";

Selectman Darke announced that the Board will return to the Board's Open Session at the close of the Executive Session for the sole purpose of adjournment. The Executive Session was entered at 9:10 P.M. and closed at 9:16 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Selectmen's Assistant's Office. .

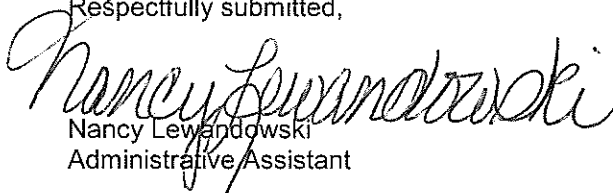
Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn. 3-0

Adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant