MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 13, 2014

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

Present Selectmen Elizabeth A. Gorski ,Joseph R. D'Amore and Chairman Donald N.Greaney.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Warrants

Moved D'Amore, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #14-28

D'Amore, Greaney – "Aye"; Gorski – "Abstain" 2-1

Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve Bill Warrant # 14-27. 3-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #14-25A. 3-0

Cemetery Commissioners

The Board of Selectmen requested a meeting with Cemetery Commissioners Richard Sciacca and Vernon Cotton to discuss concerns about equipment being sold/traded without first having been declared surplus equipment by the Board of Selectmen. Cotton told the Board that at the time talk was going on around town the Commissioners weren't doing any of that; that it was being looked at to see if the present equipment could be traded. Commission Sciacca told the Board that their Superintendent can't operate anything with hydraulics because he does not hold the proper licenses. Commissioner Cotton stated the equipment they have is too big for what is needed at the cemetery. Chairman Greaney asked what the current status of the equipment is and Selectman Gorski asked how did they get the equipment if it's too big? Sciacca responded that they bought the truck 15 years ago. Cotton told the Board that the Kabota dealer was going to take the mower.

Greaney asked how they planned to pay for equipment the Commissioners wished to trade for or purchase and they responded that they can use the interest from the perpetual care account and half of the cost would be taken from sale of lots account. Greaney told the Commissioners that Cemetery Commissioner Robert Guptill has informed the Selectmen that he is not aware of the plans to dispose of equipment for new or different equipment. Greaney asked if they have other ideas and what the value of the Kabota is. Cotton showed the Selectmen several estimates he had received from dealers. Chairman Greaney suggested the Commissioners should be meeting with Capital Improvement and Cotton responded they had met with CIC 7 or 8 years ago; that the Finance Director was aware of their plans and told them they are under the required threshold for having to meet with CIC. Chairman Greaney asked if they voted at a posted Cemetery meeting as to what to do about their equipment needs and the Commissioners

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responded that they had. Greaney asked that they provide the Board with a copy of their Minutes. Selectman Gorski suggested that the Commissioners speak with the Chairman of Capital Improvement, Jeff Pappas, and discuss what future needs of the cemetery might be.

Moved Gorski, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To declare as surplus equipment for trade-in or sale, one dump truck and one (1) Kabota tractor presently under the custody of the Groveland Cemetery Department.

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Commissioner Sciacca thanked the Board for meeting with them.

WILLIAM ANGELINI-DISCUSS SALE OF HIS PROPERTY

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (6) for the purpose of negotiating Purchase & Sale Agreement with William Angelini for property located off Main Street.

GORSKI, D'AMORE, GREANEY – "AYE" 3-0

Executive Session was entered at 6:50 P.M. and closed at 7:34 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office. Chairman Greaney announced the Board will return to the Board's Open Session at the close of the Executive Session.

BUSSING PROPERTY – CENTER STREET – DISCUSS EXTENSION TO P&S

Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (6) for the purpose of discussing granting another 30 day extension of the Purchase & Sale Agreement between the town and James Bussing for property located off Center Street.

GORSKI, D'AMORE, GREANEY – "AYE" 3-0

Executive Session was entered at 7:34 P.M. and closed at 7:45 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office. Chairman Greaney announced the Board will return to the Board's Open Session at the close of the Executive Session.

Police Chief & Deputy Chief

Selectman Gorski recused herself from this portion of the meeting and left the meeting room inasmuch as she has a family member who works on the Police Department.

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Chairman Greaney told Kirmelewicz and Gillen that the Board asked to meet with them to discuss contract extensions due to the Board hoping to have all contracts expiring in the same fiscal year and wages paid to the town's Reserve Officers versus Reserve Officers employed by other towns but working details for our town.

Chief Kirmelewicz and Deputy Gillen both agreed that it would be helpful if they could raise the wage level for our Reserves doing town details; that it's difficult to get them to take the details because of the discrepancy. Reserve Officers are currently paid \$27 an hour for town details while an outside of town Reserve Officer would be paid \$46.00. Deputy Gillen told the Board that the lowest paid Patrolman with no Quinn incentive is paid \$43.23 an hour. Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To approve an hourly rate of \$46.00 for Groveland's Reserve Officers working details for town departments.

CONTRACT EXTENSION - CHIEF & DEPUTY

Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (2)

for the purpose of negotiating a one-year contract extension for

Police Chief and Deputy Chief.

D'AMORE, GREANEY – "AYE" 2-0

Executive Session was entered at 7:50 P.M. and closed at 8:17 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office. Chairman Greaney announced the Board will return to the Board's Open Session at the close of the Executive Session. Chairman Greaney announced that the Board would return to Open Session at the conclusion of this Executive Session for the purpose of announcing any votes taken and adjourning the Open Session Minutes.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:17 P.M. and upon motion duly made by D'Amore, seconded by Greaney, it was

VOTED: That the Selectmen's Assistant prepare one year extensions to the Police Chief's and Deputy Chief's contract, adding one year to each of their terms so the contracts expire the same fiscal year as the Dispatchers' and Patrolmens' contracts, June 30, 2017; and to approve 2% wage increase and a private detail rate of \$65.00 for the Deputy Chief and note in the contract that Deputy Chief is appointed as the town's Emergency Management Director. 2-0

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Adjournment
Upon motion duly made by D'Amore, seconded by Greaney, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,