

MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 5, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:15P.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 #14-44

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

Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Bill Warrant # 14-43 3-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Deduction Warrant #14-42A. 3-0

**Release of Executive Session Minutes**

Chairman Greaney announced that he had reviewed the Executive Session Minutes for the period of July 2011 through March 2014 and approved the release of said Executive Session Minutes as public documents.

**Special Events Policy Guidelines allowing and not allowing alcohol**

Moved Greaney, seconded D'Amore, and it was

**VOTED:** To adopt the Special Events Policy Guidelines with the recommendation that the Finance Director sent to the Board on May 5, 2014, based on her discussion with the town's insurance. 3-0

**Signatory for State Contracts**

Finance Director Denise Dembkoski requested the Board's approval of her serving as the town's signatory for State Contracts. Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To name Denise Dembkoski, Finance Director, to be the signatory for the town on all State Contracts. 3-0

**6:20 PM – Youth Soccer and Road Commissioner**

Youth Soccer representatives told the Board that they had asked to meet with the Road Commissioner because they are spending a lot of money fertilizing the fields; that they spend \$13,000 a year on the fields and asked to meet with the Road Commissioner to discuss the

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mowing and maintenance of Shanahan Field. The Soccer representatives stated that the highway equipment is too heavy for the field and doesn't cut it properly. Road Commissioner Arakelian told the men that without bagging you have to mow a lot more than if you bagged; that clumps are a concern with the fields. Chairman Greaney commented that the grass grows quickly. Arakelian stated that next fiscal year he will be requesting another full-time man; that he will try to put the man on full-time at Shanahan, but his department has to rebuild 80 catch basins so it's not a guaranty.

Steve Merrill told the Board that soccer pays for a lot of the maintenance of the field; that there have been sink holes 8'x8' that they have been filling in. Jim Pelletier asked Arakelian if he is using a mulching blade on his mowers

Greaney asked if Arakelian will be mowing the cemetery and he was told yes; that Arakelian will be sending someone up to the cemetery; that he actually needs two more mowers and one full-time employee.

Arakelian asked who Soccer will have clean the bathrooms they are hoping to add at the field and Merrill stated he would be. Arakelian told the soccer representatives that the irrigation system at the field was going off during the day too much and it was difficult to have his mowers mow the field. Chairman Greaney asked what days are the fields most used and which are the lightest use. Merrill stated that Thursdays and Fridays are heaviest and Mondays and Wednesdays have the lightest use. Merrill stated there is one full week of soccer camp.

Merrill told the Selectmen that they can't keep raising fees; that they understand it is a compromise all around trying to get a plan together. Greaney suggested they back off on watering right after fertilizing the field. Another soccer representative stated it's the first time the field has had real fertilizer; that the field needs mowing twice a week from Spring thru next six weeks.

Selectman D'Amore suggested they work out their needs with the Road Commissioner but bring the plan before the Board so it's publicly discussed. Chairman Greaney told the men that if the sink holes keep occurring they may have to shut the field down. Merrill responded that they think it's okay now; that is not bad and has not been happening on the field.

Greaney told the soccer group there is concern that someone else is making money off the Shanahan field during the week that Seacoast holds its camp; that the town has denied other requests for use of town property for camps.

Merrill told the Board that he has been working on the bathroom plans with the new Finance Director. Greaney asked why they need to use the Babe Ruth field for soccer and Merrill said the two small fields are not level.

**6:50 P.M. – Groveland Day Committee**

The Board met with members of the Recreation Committee to discuss their plans for Groveland Day. Chairman Greaney told those present that the Board had been told that last Groveland Day people were buying beers and passing them off to minors. Merrill responded that the Police feel it was a minor event; that Sergeant McDonald thinks last year's Groveland Day was a great event. Dan Stewart told the Board that there will be a limit of 250 people allowed at the

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event; that they will make sure people that serve are certified servers. Stewart said they will have a plan in a month.

Selectman D'Amore told the group that the Finance Director has presented a plan for how the recreation in town should operate and ask the current recreation members to provide their proposal for a recreation committee.

Chairman Greaney told Merrill his group needs to keep soccer on soccer fields so baseball can use the baseball field; that the town only has so much space.

Merrill told the Selectmen that he appreciates all that they do for the town and Greaney responded that he appreciates all that Merrill does for the kids , the town and the fire department; that it's always fun to work with you guys.

Selectman Gorski thanked Merrill for his comment and responded that it went by in a hurry; that it's a tough job and you meet a lot of nice people. She thanked the soccer representatives for what they have done for the kids over the years and what they have done at the field.

#### **Common Victualler License**

Selectmen reviewed the Common Victualler License prepared for Jeff & Maria's Ice Cream & Food Shop located at 918 Salem Street. Moved Gorski, seconded D'Amore, and it was

**VOTED:** To issue a Common Victualler's License for Jeff & Maria's Ice Cream & Food Shop, 918 Salem Street, Groveland effective immediately through December 31, 2014.

#### **Adjournment**

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

**VOTED:** To adjourn.  
Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski  
Administrative Assistant