



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

September 22, 2014

**6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order
All stand for Pledge of Allegiance**

Accept Minutes:

Approve Warrants:

PW # 15-13	\$ 138,025.19
DW #15-11A	\$ 23,134.65
DW #15-11C	\$ 191.72
BW # 15-13	\$ 492,243.06

NEEDS ATTENTION

Approve Property Use Permits, if any
Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals, if any

- Correspondence
- (1) See Quote from Dearborn Wagner Designs for decorating Town Square for holiday season, vote needed
 - (2) See playground equipment piece offered for Washington Park by former owner of Creative Minds, Laurel Pulchalski. If Board is interested would need to have town equipment pick it up and deliver to Washington Park, vote needed to accept donation
 - (3) Request appointment of Officer Michael Traister effective Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2014, vote needed
 - (4) See letter of resignation received from Water/Sewer Commissioner Bruce Adams, effective August 22, 2014, vote needed to accept
 - (5) See letter from Eric Harper in response to letter BOS sent to Building Inspector

Decision needed on future use of Selectmen's present meeting room – please vote this evening

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:20 p.m. - Claire Walsh, Historic Society Chairman to update Board on upcoming Pine's Speedway Reunion

SELECTMEN'S TIME

This time is allotted, if needed, for making statements, proposing future agenda items, congratulatory or condolences to residents/employees or athletic teams accomplishments, (not to initiate board discussion on issues not shown on current meeting posting/agenda)

Date of next regular meeting – Monday, October 6, 2014 @ 6:15 PM

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:25 P.M. in Groveland Town Hall.

Present Selectmen Joseph D'Amore, William Dunn and Chairman Elizabeth A. Gorski

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

6:27 PM -Claire Walsh – Update on Pines Speedway Reunion

Claire Walsh representing the Groveland Historical Society met with the Board to update them on the plans for the 2014 Pines Speedway Reunion. Walsh informed the Board that she has spoken with Ark Insurance and they will be sending the Board's Assistant a Certificate of Insurance in accordance with the new Events Guidelines. Claire told the Board that the Reunion will be held on October 4, 2014 between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Claire told the Board that a large part of the area under construction will be graveled over and they really appreciate that. Reviewing the Board's new Event Guidelines Claire questioned about the First Aid and Medical requirements and told the Board that she has never had an ambulance on standby at the event. Finance Director Dembkoski responded that an ambulance is not required for this type of event. Claire also asked whether they need to have an inspection and permit from the Health, Building and Fire departments. Chairman Gorski responded that the Board was told by those who plan Groveland Day that when a tent is leased it comes with insurance coverage. Claire responded that her group has rented their tent from Grand Central Station. Dembkoski and Selectman Dunn stated there is usually a seal on a tent stating the burn rating. Selectman D'Amore told Claire that a copy of the contract she receives from Grand Central Station would be all the Board would need to receive.

Claire informed the Board that she called the Police Department and spoke with Deputy Chief Gillen about the Reunion; that Deputy Gillen told her they can continue doing what they've been doing; that they never have had a problem; that if they need an officer the day of the event to just call the station. Claire stated there will not be alcohol at the site which makes things easier.

Gorski asked where the drivers come from and Claire stated that they come from all over New England with their race cars in tow; that one driver is coming from Florida and another from Arizona. That she has been told by more than one person that this event is one of the best of its kind throughout New England. Claire told the Board that there are many people who deserve thanks. She named Lenny Moughan, Walter Marchisio, Dwight Lows, Kendal Smith, former President of the bank, Russ Conway, former editor of the Eagle Tribune; that without their help the Historical Society would not be able to do this event without them. Racing at the Pines Speedway took place from 1940 through 1973 but didn't race between 1940 -1946 due to the gasoline rationing during World War II. Claire told the Board that there will be 40 to 50 racing cars at the Reunion and classic cars as well. Selectman D'Amore asked whether the revving of the cars is planned for a specific hour and Claire responded that it will take place at noon time right after the prayer by the priest or the minister the cars start their engines and that lasts for about five minutes or so. D'Amore stated he was concerned because the hill has been removed which acted as a sound barrier and wonders whether the blast of noise may be of a concern

and that maybe the Board should advise people. Claire responded that she didn't feel it would be a major issue. Selectman Dunn asked Claire if she had talked with the Highway Department about the date and the area she will need for the event and Claire stated that they know; that the gravel they have placed down will help keep the sand down. The Board was told that Road Commissioner Arakelian will open the gate so the classic cars can be parked on the outfield of the Babe Ruth field.

Approve Minutes

Moved Dunn, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2014. 3-0

Approve Warrants

Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #15-13.
D'Amore, Dunn – "Aye"; Gorski – "Abstain" 2-1

Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To approve Bill Warrant # 15-13 3-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #15-11A. 3-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #15-11C. 3-0

Holiday Decoration of Elm Park

The Board reviewed a quote received from Dearborn-Wagner of Haverhill, Ma to place holiday wreathes on the lamp posts in Elm Park, greenery in the fountain and around the columns of the gazebo and clock. Dearborn-Wagner's proposal for installation and removal in the sum of \$1,400.00. Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To accept the proposal of Dearborn-Wagner to decorate Elm Park Square for the holiday season at a cost of \$1,400.00 for installation and removal. 3-0

Donation of playground equipment

Resident and former owner/Director of Creative Minds (pre-school) on Main Street offered a piece of playground equipment to the town. Creative Minds is closing and Mrs. Pulchalski informed the Board's Assistant that the bouncer is good for young children, is in good condition but could use a little paint for it to look like new, and she thought the town might be able to use the bouncer at Washington Park. The Board's Assistant told the Board that the Highway department would be needed to pick up the equipment and deliver to Washington Park. Moved

Dunn, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To accept the donation of playground equipment (Bouncer) from
Laurel Pulchalski. 3-0

Appointment

Chief Kirmelewicz notified the Selectmen's Office that Newburyport was still unable to accept Groveland Patrolman Michael Traister onto their Police Department due to ongoing problems with civil service which are unrelated to Officer Traister; that they still plan to appoint Traister when they have been cleared by civil service to do so. Kirmelewicz requested that the Board appoint Officer Traister effective immediately through December 31, 2014.

Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To appoint Michael Traister as full-time Patrolman effective immediately
through December 31, 2014. 3-0

Letter of Resignation

Board received a letter of resignation from Water/Sewer Commissioner Bruce Adams who informed the Board that he and his family were moving out of State to New Hampshire.

Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To accept the resignation received from elected Water/Sewer
Commissioner Bruce Adams, said resignation effective September
11, 2014 and to extend the Board's thanks for Adams 18 years of service. 3-0

Selectman D'Amore thanked Bruce for his service on the Water/Sewer Commission and for his great wealth of information he's shared with D'Amore and others on open space and trails, affordable housing, and other committees. D'Amore stated that Adams resignation is a bit of a loss for the Board to see such a dedicated servant not continue. Adams stated in his letter that he would remain on the appointed committees until the end of the year.

Former Esty Lumber Property-Main Street

The Board reviewed a letter received from Eric Harper, owner of the former Esty Lumber property, said letter was sent in response to a letter the Board of Selectmen had sent to the Building Inspector. Chairman Gorski her fellow Board members whether the letter should be shared with other departments and Selectman Dunn stated he would like it shared with other departments that may have an involvement with the project so they are aware of what's going on and can offer input if they have any.

Moved Dunn, seconded D'Amore, and it was

VOTED: To send copies of the letter from Eric Harper to the Planning, Conservation and
Zoning Boards, Health Agent and Fire Chief. 3-0

The Board had asked that the Building Inspector respond to their letter and it was noted that he has a week remaining to reply. Dunn stated that a lot of town Boards have stated they had not had input on this project; that sharing the information our Board is receiving may be helpful to those boards.

Selectmen's Conference Room

The Board's Assistant informed the Board that a decision is needed on whether to install new recording equipment in the Selectmen's Conference Room or in another town building. Selectman D'Amore stated that he has been an advocate of using the room for storage; that there is a need for storage, a lot of square footage is needed for storage and it is expensive to build. D'Amore stated he feels the large meeting room is an ideal room for purposes of meeting. D'Amore also commented that the Selectmen's room is a secure space for storage and Chairman Gorski agreed that the room should be used for storage and added that the room has good access. Gorski stated that she does not want to see the equipment that's available fall by the wayside; that she hopes they can install the equipment somewhere else so meetings can take place when the main meeting room is in use by others.

Selectman D'Amore suggested that the Finance Director be asked to write something up on what the room will be used for and that the Board get input from others. Selectman Dunn said his concern is if another department here needs more space, they should take the bigger room and use their former space for storage. The Board's Assistant spoke and said she feels that would defeat the purpose of obtaining a large enough space for all the documents needing to be stored. Selectman Dunn said he feels they've been discussing this since he became Selectman; that the Board should decide tonight whether they are allowing the room for storage or not; that the decision is just going to keep getting prolonged and they need to get the stuff out of their offices.

Chairman Gorski pointed out that the Central Fire Station has a room that could possibly be wired and used for meetings, plus the department holds trainings in that room and they may want to use the recording equipment for their trainings; that they haven't talked to the Fire Chief about that but maybe should have that conversation with him in the future. The library space was discussed and their concern of having meetings in the building that books may be stolen. Chairman Gorski stated that a plan should be made that either the library or the fire station be wired for the new equipment. Selectman D'Amore also mentioned the possibility of using the Bagnall wing.

Chairman Gorski stated they should make a definitive plan to turn the Selectmen's meeting room into a room for storage that town hall needs so desperately. Moved D'Amore, seconded Dunn, and it was

VOTED: To turn the former Selectmen's meeting room into a storage room for town documents. 3-0

Selectman D'Amore stated he would love to have a quick review of what positions are appointed annually or some other time frame by the Board of Selectmen; that he might be promoting some concepts, as may his colleagues, in terms of are they going to post some positions, are they looking for credentials that are different than what they might have; that he

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would like to start looking at the positions with his fellow board members and begin the process of when it's time to appoint again; that they may be posting some of the positions only for the benefit of the town to make sure they have the credentials that are needed. D'Amore stated that running the town gets more and more complex. Selectman Dunn stated he would like to go one step further and have a public hearing to explain to the public the difference between an appointed position and an elected position because the Selectmen don't have much say over elected positions; that he thinks the townspeople don't realize that when you elect an official the Selectmen have very little say over them; that it's probably better to have an appointed position than an elected one because the Board has more say over personnel. Dunn stated he knows the town has tried to change some positions before but it didn't pass at town meeting because he feels the right PR wasn't done to explain to the people what needs to happen and what the benefits are. Chairman Gorski mentioned that Road Commissioner Arakelian had spoken at town meeting in the past; that if you're popular in town and can garner a lot of votes, you may not have the skill set to do the job; that it worries Arakelian for the future because he will be retiring someday.

D'Amore stated he is very much in favor of some key positions being appointed so they are attracting the best credential and that he does have a preference for people who don't live in this town for reasons there are less problems. He asked that the list be prepared and that discussion be placed on an upcoming future agenda.

Chairman Gorski asked whether the revised zoning bylaw draft the Selectmen had reviewed in work shop session with Planning and Zoning members had been sent to Town Counsel and the Board's Assistant told the Board she had forwarded everything the day she received the paperwork from Planning member Freer. The Selectmen thanked both Planning and Zoning members for coming together to work on the revisions and thanked Planning member James Freer for doing so much work and being so well prepared for the two work sessions.

Chairman Gorski and Selectman Dunn mentioned the gate at town property recently purchased from Jim Bussing; that the gate is now locked to discourage dumping on the property; that people are still allowed to walk their dogs on the property.

Selectman D'Amore spoke on presentation made by resident Joseph Ryan regarding his safety concerns due to Greenwood Auto Body's customers parking in front of the business. D'Amore had offered to meet with the two parties and attempt to mediate the situation after Selectman Dunn had asked them to work out their differences. Selectman D'Amore told his fellow Board members that if his meeting were to happen he was going to report to the Board in writing of any findings. D'Amore stated that has been no discussion and no mediation and wanted to report that the matter is out of the Board's hands at this time; that if they are going to resolve their differences, they are going to have to do it through their own means and he has not been invited to mediate that discussion, if there is one.

Dunn asked whether a policy or plan could be in place by Spring whereby the town's park equipment could be painted and repaired; that a lot of it is starting to get worn, and asked if money could be put together by Spring to accomplish that. The Board's Assistant responded that the municipal budget could be looked at in April or May to see if any monies would be available for repairs to the equipment; that to budget for the repairs it would mean the monies

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would not be available until next July. Dunn told the Board he was thinking of utilizing Sheriff Cousin's inmates to do the labor if the town could get the materials needed. Dunn suggested maybe the highway could watch over the project. D'Amore stated that the Board would like to have a discussion on a future agenda in November regarding the proposal that the Finance Director forwarded to the Board in response to some ideas Steve Merrill and others sent as to how they should organize a recreational organization in the town; that they have some legalities to address, and also some functional aspects. D'Amore said he would like to see the Board have a decision in 2014 as to how the recreational component of the town is run/managed, and how it is set up legally and financially. Selectman Dunn responded that the Finance Director and current recreation committee should be present. D'Amore suggested the meeting be the first in November and to invite Steve Merrill and those he is associated with. Chairman Gorski pointed out there other activities not only soccer; that there is baseball and others and she would like representative from all groups; that she would also like to know what other communities do. D'Amore stated they would invoke their two meeting rule and maybe even three before the Board makes a hard decision as to what the Board feels would be in the best interest of the town. The Board's Assistant suggested that high school seniors might be hired for seasonal work at the recreation facilities and Dunn agreed he was thinking that as well; that there are a lot of little jobs like weeding around town properties that the Highway Department can't get to. Dunn also asked whether businesses could adopt a park, put up a small advertising sign and in return do small projects at the park. The Board's Assistant responded that the town has approved traffic islands being adopted and cared for, but she'd need to ask town counsel whether town parks/recreation sites could also be adopted.

2014 Flu Clinics - Chairman Gorski announced the dates and times for the 2014 town flu clinics which will take place at town hall in October and November.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski, Administrative Assistant