

Minutes

Board of Selectmen: November 3, 2014

Selectmen Present:

Also Present:

Bette Gorski, Chair

Denise Dembkoski, Finance Director

William Dunn

Joe D'Amore

Votes Taken:

Warrants:	PW#15-19	\$131,281.92	Motion by D'Amore, seconded by Dunn, Gorski abstained
	DW#15-17A	\$24,783.19	Unanimous vote, based on a motion by D'Amore
	BW#15-19	\$596,487.94	Unanimous vote, based on a motion by D'Amore

Petitioner: Douglas Latham

D'Amore Motion: 61A Right of First Refusal waived . Dunn Seconded. Unanimous

Reference: Notice of Intent to sell land for residential us

Petitioner : Veasey Park

Permit 2014-09 : Annual Wine & Art Reception at Veasey Park

Saturday November 8, 2014 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM . (One Day Liquor License)

D'Amore Motion : To approve . Dunn Seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Petitioner: S.B.A.P RAM Corporation d/b/a Gerry's Variety

Principal: Sanjay Patel

Request to change hour to initiate sale of alcohol on Sunday's from 12:00 PM to 10:00 AM as is allowed by recent ruling of ABCC. (Issued : September 8, 2014/ Effective : October 23, 2014

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Matters Discussed per Agenda

Inez Steele

Request speed limit changes and signs on Main Street

Issue: Speeding and inadequate signage to alert motorists between town hall complex and bridge

Suggestion: Petition DOT and coordinate signage with policy changes to address safety issues

Michael Wood

Review need for filling of vacant full-member seat on Zoning Board of Appeals

Review of current status of Michael Wood as Alternate

Discussion of commitment required such as following cases initiated by board members

Mr. Wood iterated that business travel schedule may not allow him to participate in all meetings and consistently to address residents petitions and permit evaluations

Consensus by board: Not to appoint Mr. Wood to full time status

Douglas Latham

Presenter: Elizabeth Latham

Affected Property : Part of Assessor's Map 18 Lot 36B

Intent to see for the nominal consideration of \$1.00 and initiate a land swap for the building of a barn for family farm operations. Under GI Chapter 61A, the Town of Groveland as the first refusal option to purchase PARCEL B. Request , discussion and subsequent vote to support petition followed for Town to waive the option to purchase said property .

Finance Director's Report

Presenter: Denise Dembkoski, Finance Director

Recreation Management Plan : Discussion to evaluate one of two plans for recreation management :

1. Maintain appointed committee and implement additional legally required measures as follows: a) Advisory role b) money management through town per MGL Ch 41*35 c) vendor payments through town per MGL Ch 41*52 d) CORI checks for summer programs e) Permitting through town including payments f) Through the authority of MGL: Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ petition the town at Town Meeting to support a self-sustaining, revolving fund for maintenance and expense remittance g) hire part-time , recreation employee to report to Finance Director and paid from revolving fund to coordinate and administer day –to –day operations for recreation management

2. Disband the appointed committee and establish the following: a) fee structure for permits & user fees for all fields b) establish field use policy and procedures for permitting c) CORI checks for summer programs d) Creation of revolving fund per Chapter 44 as referenced above in 1 F e) Part-time employee as referenced above in 1 g.

Consensus of board members and concurred by Finance Director is to favor plan 1. Finance Director to engage with recreation committee to discuss solution and implementation. Matter to return to board at future meeting for discussion and vote.

Additional recreation related discussion

Groveland Youth Soccer : Shanahan Field . Work completed by organization has created a difficult condition where liability jurisdiction is not well understood due to the condition that organization owned property and equipment (ie. Sprinklers) are operated / used on town property

A study by Finance Director of this condition across all organizations of all sports was requested by Chair to help evaluate steps for resolution and to bring the Town into compliance with applicable laws, by-laws and rules , as well as requirements recommended by Town Counsel and Insurance Company

Item to be discussed further at future meeting

Road Repavement

Finance Director to discuss a sustainable program of road re-pavement with Highway commissioner.

D'Amore : Requirements requested

- Use 5 year bonds on a rolling basis to ensure that public is not involved in selecting roads as was done in the past though Town Meetings which created conditions where plans were disrupted with inconsistent appropriation of funds. Instead, full discretion to be given to Highway Commissioner to select 1, 2 or more streets per year and to incorporate additional funds in the budget through borrowing that can be accommodated within 2 ½ property tax increase. Therefore, not requiring debt exclusion or over-ride measures.
- Highway Commissioner to accommodate a 5 year plan to substantially complete a road rehabilitation and re-pavement program for the cemetery . Each and every year as monies are allocated for road re-pavement a portion should be deducted from town's infrastructure to allow for a commitment of sectional completion at the cemetery .

Chair Gorski and Dunn concurred.

Cable Television

Finance Director reported that progress is being made and coordinated with Cable TV Board, Chris Liquori (Of Cable TV Board) and Fire Chief Lay , as well as HB Services ; to install former equipment in appropriate location within Central Fire station for meetings and the broadcasting and recording of such meetings. Coordination efforts are going well and expectation is that a completed project to meet needs of town – to expand meeting and recording/ broadcasting facilities- will be consummated.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

D'Amore : Reiterated from past meetings need to incorporate a Public Comment segment of each meeting to be scheduled at 7:00 PM. Public invited to attend. Print out of applicable MGL to be available and read out-loud at commencement of Public Comment . 3 minutes allotted to speakers customarily . Chair to retain discretion to allow and modify public participation. All matters not on agenda are to be brought forward to next meeting to review and discuss in order to comply to Open Meeting Law.

Presenter: Kermit Cross:

Expressed concern about power lines in downtown/ Elm Park area. Lines maintained by Verizon may pursue an aggressive paring of Elm trees-for power line safety- which could disturb aesthetic qualities. There are currently conduits to place lines underground and Verizon should be petitioned to do so . D'Amore suggested to Finance Director to evaluate condition and establish contact with Verizon to review need and possibly affect an outcome favorable to the Town

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OPEN SESSION

Finance Director cautioned board to restrict session of meeting to discuss future agenda items only . Criticism by public members that board has used segment to discuss off-topic or non-agenda item issues. Dunn : Concurred that important discussions should be made and brought forward concerns regarding 441 Main street development issues. Chair Gorski concurred to Finance Director's caution . D'Amore reiterated his intent for suggesting the segment to apply it to two conditions only: a) Report to board on special projects and engagements as approved by the board (ie. Visit of abutters and Eagle Scout regarding dispute over Eagle Scout project on Center Street) b) discuss future agenda items

D'Amore offered the following future agenda items for consideration

- Yemma road rezoning to Industrial Zone for possible tax base increase and generation of tax revenues for the town ; through marketing of the area , to business interests, once re-zoned
- Recommendation to send a letter or take other appropriate action as allowed by legal counsel to help ensure that all businesses who store vehicles have those vehicles registered to Groveland for tax purposes
- Consideration be given for Government Advisory Committee (GAC) to be reconvened to study feasibility of implementing a Town Manager to complement 5 member board

Chair Gorski / Correspondence : Regional Schools

Chair offered MEDIA ALERT from Superintendent of Schools regarding School Building committee initiative. D'Amore read aloud portions of communications to establish public awareness of need for new high and invitation to join a steering committee to develop initial plan for building renovation or new building to support developing educational programs . Dunn expressed concern on costs and asked about specifics of \$2.6 million recreational facility expenditures . D'Amore offered cursory information and will secure details for next meeting to address said concerns

D'Amore volunteered for committee and will participate in series of meetings with school officials, public members and town officials in planning for new highs school building

**Prepared and Submitted by Selectman Joe D'Amore.
APPROVED: NOVEMBER 24, 2014 - UNANIMOUS VOTE**