

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES*

Friday, May 1, 2015

12:00 P.M.

Groveland Town Hall

Attendance: Selectmen Joe D'Amore and Bill Dunn, and Finance Director, Denise Demboski.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:

The Board discussed the filing of special legislation as a "Governor's Bill" to clarify implementation of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2014 to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen, and to ratify all action taken by the Town with respect thereto; and further to authorize the Town Clerk to take all additional steps that may be needed to carry out the purposes of the vote taken hereunder.

Selectman D'Amore made the following motion:

I move that the Board vote to request the Governor to submit special legislation on behalf of the Town, and in accordance with the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, ratifying, validating and confirming the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Election, despite technical non-compliance with certain administrative provisions of the election laws, including the term written on the nomination papers, and the manner in which the offices of Selectman appear on the ballot at said election, under the provisions of G.L. c.50, §2 and G.L. c.54, §41, 42 and 64, and the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2013, as well as a failure to post the warrant for the election in accordance with G.L. c.39, §10, in a form similar to that attached to the minutes of this meeting, and to authorize Town Counsel, in consultation with Selectmen, to revise the form of such documents as may be needed, and to thereafter submit the proposed legislation to the Governor, and further, to authorize the Governor and/or the General Court to make such revisions to the proposed legislation as may be necessary to properly address the good faith errors made in connection with the administrative provisions of the election laws at issue.

The special act may take the following form:

An Act Relative to the 2015 Annual Town Election in the Town of Groveland

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of chapter 39, section 2 of chapter 50 and sections 41, 42, and 64 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, chapter 184 of the acts of 2013, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Election in the Town of Groveland, including all actions taken with respect thereto and in reliance thereon, are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed despite technical non-compliance with various provisions of law relative to completion of nomination papers and placement of candidates on the ballot arranged in groups according to their respective terms of office, and as though the warrant for such election had been posted in accordance with law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Selectman Dunn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

12:17 P.M.

Adjournment:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Dunn, seconded by Selectman D'Amore to adjourn.

True Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise M. Dembkoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Denise M. Dembkoski
Finance Director

Minutes Approved on May 18, 2015