BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2014 APPROVED

Present:, Josh A. Degen, Chairman; Anna Eliot, Vice Chairman; Stuart M. Schulman; Clerk; John G. Petropoulos, Peter S. Cunningham **Also Present:** Mark Haddad, Town Manager (at 7 pm and 9:35 pm continuations)

Mr. Degen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

The Employment agreement between Steele McCurdy and the Town of Groton was discussed. The agreement was negotiated by Messrs Degen and Haddad. The contract was sent to Mr. McCurdy Friday, and was accepted today. The start date will be August 14. The current chief has agreed to stay on until that date.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the contract, *Mr.* Cunningham seconded. The motion carried 4 in favor, and 1 abstention (*Ms.* Eliot).

The meeting was continued to a time certain. After an executive session, the meeting was continued at Lawrence Academy, where the Board of Selectmen sponsored a presentation and question and answer session by Kinder Morgan, regarding their proposed "Northeast Energy Direct" project. At the conclusion of the presentation, the meeting was again continued at Town Hall.

The meeting resumed at 9:35. The Board discussed the Article on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting, to be held on June 30. The article is a non-binding resolution in opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline.

Mr. Schulman moved to support the Article, Mr. Cunningham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed about joining a multi-town effort opposed to the pipeline. The group is called the "Middlesex County Coalition of Towns Against the Pipeline."

Mr. Cunningham moved that Groton join the group. Ms. Eliot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Degen nominated Dennis Eklof and Stuart Schulman to be Groton's representatives to this committee. Mr. Petropoulos seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn at 10 pm. *Mr.* Schulman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted: Stuart Schulman, Clerk

Approved: 7/14/14