

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 15, 2002
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
“APPROVED”**

Present: Chairman Dann Chamberlin, Clerk Peter S. Cunningham, Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen, and Administrative Secretary Maria Casey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURE APPOINTMENT

Bennett Black & Eric Aaltonen

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) met with Bennett Black, the current Sealer of Weights and Measures (SWM), who introduced Eric Aaltonen, his recommendation for the new Sealer of Weights and Measures appointment. Mr. Black has been the SWM since 1985. He stated that the regulations for this position have changed with the state. Now you have to attend 40 hours of school. Mr. Black does not have the time now. Mr. Aaltonen has been to school. Mr. Black felt that he would be proficient. Mr. Aaltonen currently services the towns of Ayer, Townsend, Pepperell and Shirley. Mr. Aaltonen also has the proper equipment that has been certified. Mr. Black stated that “availability is key” for this position. He would get calls at home for questions. He stated that one of his responsibilities was to check that when the grocery stores run specials, which change frequently, it is necessary to check that the scales accurately reflect the sale price. He also stated that he is called to check to see that wood is measured accurately. Mr. Black does not recommend that Groton use the State’s SWM. He felt that although they would accurately check the scales once a year, they would not be available for the services the businesses that residents are looking for. He recommended a local person, such as Mr. Aaltonen.

Ms. Kitchen stated that currently the SWM has a fee schedule and those fees are turned in to the Town and then the Town pays the SWM a fee.

Mr. Chamberlin agreed with Mr. Black’s desirability to keep the SWM position local.

Mr. Black noted to the BOS that currently all the scales are up-to-date until December 31, 2002.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Eric Aaltonen as SWM for the term to expire June 30, 2003 upon Mr. Black’s resignation submittal. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT WITH MIKE BRADY, RECYCLING COMMITTEE, “PAY AS YOU THROW”

Mike Brady made a presentation to the BOS regarding “Pay As You Throw” (PAYT), and the document is attached. Mr. Brady went over his presentation in detail.

Mr. Cunningham stated that at one time, it was entirely taxpayers paying. He felt that people are more conscientious with respect to recycling now and agreed with Mr. Brady that this is the direction the Town needs to be going in. He felt that we will be looking at fee support in the next fiscal year, which will be extremely tight and that this makes sense.

Mr. Chamberlin agreed also and added that one observation is if price is kept as reasonable as possible for the consumer, the social benefit is it encourages people to use transfer station rather than the woods. He felt that some cost to the tax rate is justifiably so.

Mr. Brady stated that the PAYT is curbside. The residents would only be able to use town bags. It was stated that Worcester has one of the best in the state.

Mr. Brady further elaborated on the some things. Regarding the Transfer Station Services page, he called these “value added services” that the Transfer Station accepts things such as oil, batteries, tires, paint and the like versus Waste Management and Browning-Ferris Industries, who do not. Another question is whether or not a private company should be able to use Groton’s transfer station. Waste Management picks up trash for the Groton residents and delivers it to the transfer station at no cost to Waste Management. In this way, they are able to charge a more reasonable price to the residents. However, companies such as BFI get charged a fee to use the transfer station. Regarding the Town Comparisons page, Mr. Brady stated, “our services are underpriced,” according to other towns. Mr. Brady stated that with PAYT, the Board of Health would definitely have to hire additional staff.

Mr. Chamberlin felt that the system we used to have, whereby trash collection was on the tax rate for every household, was by far the most efficient way to deal with trash and asked Mr. Brady to come up with a cost for returning to this system.

Mr. Cunningham stated, somewhat reminiscently, that there's something to be said of the impact PAYT would have on those, who gather to recycle at the transfer station on a Saturday morning. However, he felt that the Town definitely needs to have options available. He stated that we would need to move forward expeditiously in order to have an impact with this upcoming budget cycle and questioned what would need to be accomplished in order for full town curbside pickup system might take time.

Mr. Brady stated that bags would need to be printed and distributed. He also stated that there are Grants available. He felt that July 1, 2003, would be the ideal time to implement this, as well as reviewing the new sticker fee and the cost of PAYT.

Currently there are 3 recommendations for the Town of Groton to decide as per the Recycling Presentation.

1. Raise sticker fee across the board to \$136 per year.
2. Charge users \$1 per bag.
3. Charge \$1 per bag and charge everyone a \$34 yearly sticker fee.

Mr. Brady felt that the BOS and Board of Health should hold a joint public hearing. Mr. Cunningham agreed and added that it should be as soon as possible as there will be a learning curve and it would be important if we make a drastic change.

HIRE CUSTODIAN I - Tryna Walsh

Ms. Tryna Walsh was in attendance. Ms. Kitchen stated that she was recommended for the replacement of Robert (Fonzie) Hancewicz who retired. There was going to be some changes among the hours in the Maintenance Department, which would also assist with Town Hall being kept open Monday through Thursday evenings for meetings.

Mr. Harlan Fitch inquired who would be assisting with Town Elections, work that Fonzie assisted with while he was employed, using his personal pick-up truck, in order to carry things to the precincts and such. Mr. Chamberlin stated that there would be a "pitch-in spirit" and he felt that Ms. Walsh, as well as the other maintenance department, would assist with that type of helpful work. Mr. Fitch stated that he wanted it noted in the minutes that he would be assisted with Elections. Mr. Chamberlin replied that it would be so noted.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the hiring of Tryna Walsh as Custodian I at Grade 3, Step 1. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – TOWN CENTER TRAFFIC, PARKING & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Mr. Cunningham moved to open the hearing at 7:55 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote. See attached Public Hearing Checklist, as well as "Please Make Main Street Safe!" petition

Ms. Barbara Scofidio stated that she is submitting 3 pages of names of citizens asking for Main Street to be safe. She stated that this is nothing new. There was previously a town center committee; however that traffic wasn't as vast then. There was a Conway School recommendation made nine years ago and that now it has become extremely critical nine years later. She feels this is widely supported. It is scary to cross the street. The way the road is configured, you cannot see pedestrians. Ms. Scofidio also presented to the Board information regarding a Main Street Handbook: When a Highway Runs Through it done by Oregon Communities. She strongly felt that "we" need to set the future of Main Street and give a culture that people come before cars.

Mr. Chamberlin stated that we can "wave a magic wand and make it alright." He felt that we have to recognize that Main Street is a regional highway and that everyone has a right to travel it and that Groton's Main Street is a victim of this. He did however agree that what can viably do is increase pedestrian safety, keep center for the public good as much as possible. He stated that in the past six months great progress has been made. There are new crosswalks in front of Main Street Café. He also was in favor of major signage indicating entering a town center.

Mr. Cunningham also agreed in theory with Ms. Scofidio's recommendations but also agreed with Mr. Chamberlin that we have made attempts to improve Main Street. He stated that we deal with impact of growth in this community and upstream. He felt it is not as easy to make improvements as it seems. The Conway School Plan is helpful and can look at implications of Conway designs; however there's a delicate balancing act. He stated that the BOS is not callous to your request; the Master Plan has been working hard to rejuvenate downtown area to make it more pedestrian friendly. He stated that Ms. Scofidio's tone came across that we were not addressing things such as these.

Mr. Chamberlin added as reinforcement that these petitioners are dealing with allies. However, we also want thriving and vital

business in town and that means parking spaces. Pedestrian calming efforts would entail the loss of parking spaces. The business community will not find this satisfactory. We need to look at what we can do to incorporate all of this to keep vitality to business in center of town as well.

Mr. Cunningham was in favor for signage that stated “approaching town center” or the like and a reduction in speed limit; however, deferred to Police Chief Mulhern to answer questions.

Chief Mulhern stated that you cannot arbitrarily change a speed limit. Only the state can do that. A traffic study and traffic counts would need to be done. He has found in more than a few instances where communities have asked the state to intercede and lower the speed limit that in fact after the traffic study and traffic counts have been conducted, the state raises the limit by 5 MPH so he cautions on that. He also stated that it could take from 4 to 6 months to accomplish. If the limit is not legally posted, he cannot enforce it through the court system. Regarding any signage of approaching town center for traffic calming, he agrees completely. He also stated that when traffic is at it’s peak either from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. there aren’t any speeding issues to deal with as traffic is bumper to bumper. He has increased officer visibility on Main Street as well. Officers are ticketing people for crosswalk violations. Chief Mulhern suggested that traffic lights would certainly help.

Ms. Tammy Smith – Main Street spoke next. She inquired if we could make the area between Prescott School and Country Day School a school zone, which would lower the speed limit to 20 MPH when flashing. Could that be discussed with the state?

Chief Mulhern replied not the entire stretch. Private schools are not eligible and also added that the Town is responsible for School Zone signage and lights and the cost of maintaining.

Highway Surveyor Tom Delaney was also in attendance and added that 20 MPH could only be enforced when school was in session.

Chief Mulhern also felt that 5 MPH is not going to be a difference in the safety issue. He felt the other issues, such as the crosswalks and parking in intersections that block views are more detrimental. He also felt that the issue of crosswalks would be more visible if there were 10’ setbacks rather than 7 to 8’, however, you would lose 3 to 4 parking spaces.

Ms. Jane Bouvier of Groton Business and Professionals Association spoke next. She suggested white markings on parking spaces, because people can’t see markings and take two spaces for one. #2 - change parking to 15-minute parking during school hours and parking later on and #3 - ask Citizens for the use of their parking lot, as it is never full. They used to allow it and are adamant about enforcing it now, but it would free up some parking spaces that employees use.

Mr. Ray Chimney stated that the lighting on Main Street, especially near Prescott School is bad. On parent’s night, which was raining, he was attempting to cross waving a big umbrella and yet had a hard time crossing the street.

Mr. Bayard Underwood reminded those of a 1962 bypass plan done by Charles Elliott was defeated because bypass meant death to the business community. However, he noted that some of the 18-wheelers that are passing through town don’t stop at the local businesses.

Chief Mulhern stated that on any given weekday there are at least 18,000 vehicles going through town. He recommended some serious city planning be done with Groton Electric Light Department moving which will assist with off street parking.

Ms. Michelle Collette, Planning Administrator, spoke next. She stated that the Master Plan of 1963 was a forward-looking document we look at today. She stated that the bypass would have started at Mill street go along the rail trail now and come out by CVS and that business districts were based upon future bypass.

The Master Plan was revisited in 1990 with planning consultants and traffic engineers and the bypass was no longer feasible. The land is owned by Department of Environment which would include land takings, wetlands issues, etc. The concept of the bypass in 1960 had it been feasible then would be another conversation today. She also stated that with the Station Avenue development, this would be an opportune time to deal with parking, retail use, etc. as well as help the vitality of the Town Center. She stated that in 1970 the parking was diagonal. She agreed that traffic calming makes more sense; however that in order to do a thorough evaluation of this, it cannot be done without professional assistance.

Mr. Pat Parker Roach stated to remember that it will only get worse if we wait. He recommended a committee with representatives of the schools and business and to get all the interests on the table, to which Mr. Chamberlin agreed.

Tom Delaney stated that in reference to painting parking lines, with parallel parking, we will lose ½ of the parking spaces with regard to crosswalks, if you bump them out a distance from the parked cars and elevate them, people would have a higher visibility.

Don Black stated that a granite sign, such as ones in other communities, would be appropriate for the Town of Groton, for the “approaching town center” signs.

Mr. Chamberlin made note of the plastic bumpers noting the crosswalks in Littleton. He also noted that Montachusett Regional Planning Commission could do our traffic counts and get information for the preliminary application for a reduction in the speed limit.

Ms. Dawn Nowac recommended spotlights that hit the center of the intersection. She felt it extremely dangerous especially at dusk.

Mr. Dennis Murphy made note that you can’t enforce courteous drivers. He stated some drivers have no consideration. He questioned whether the BOS would send out a letter to business to be courteous of their neighbors when parking.

Mr. Mark Reardon of the Natural Market asked the status of his letter of request to the BOS for 30-minute timed parking.

Mr. Chamberlin said that he was reluctant to do for only one business and would rather do for all. He felt that a two-hour limit would allow reasonable time.

Mr. Cunningham agreed that he would agree to a universal application.

Ms. Tricia Wilson, who owns the beauty salon, stated that sometimes her client’s take more than 2 hours.

Ms. Lois Underwood, Hollis Street, noted that in addition to Main Street, once drivers veer off of Main Street going up Hollis, they then drive too fast as well.

Ms. Scofidio asked if the BOS was going to look into traffic limits perhaps form a Main Street Committee.

Ms. Kitchen said that she would prepare a profile for the ad hoc committee for the BOS to review at their next meeting.

Mr. Mark Reardon inquired again if he could get an answer to his letter?

Mr. Chamberlin answered that he already addressed the question that he would favor a two-hour limit for all businesses.

Chief Mulhern added that he is not in favor of timed limits, that that was not a public safety issue.

Mr. Joel Hutt cautioned that the interest of businesses seems to be at the root of this problem and should not come pedestrian safety.

Mr. Frank Belitsky inquired about installing speed bumps. Tom Delaney replied that there was a liability issue with speed bumps.

JOINT ELECTION - SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee called their meeting to order within the BOS meeting. In attendance for the School Committee were Judy Converse, Karen Riggert, Jane Allen, and Peter O’Sullivan.

Mr. O’Sullivan commented that 30 days was not sufficient notice for applicants to apply for this position. He stated that an ad on Thursday said applicants had to be in by Friday and that this time frame did not allow for the many candidates who are interested to apply. He also commented that the Selectman have not been notified by School Committee. He recommended postponing this meeting until next week at which time the School Committee would meet prior to.

Mr. Chamberlin replied that he was complying with the request of Dr. Jennings due to the timing and that he would be willing to put off another week if school committee so wished. Mr. Chamberlin asked the Committee if the superintendent wishes and majority of school committee wish to proceed this evening. It was stated that 3 of 4 wish to proceed tonight. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Superintendent functions as agent of school committee and if 4 members are satisfied then the BOS would honor that recommendation.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that you violate the school district's policy. It does not include Dunstable members; it is not a posted meeting. They have a right to discuss this. "Let's do according to policy."

Mr. Chamberlin replied that the Supt was acting as agent for the School Committee and recommended going forward. He further pointed out that Mr. Mill's election was by Groton voters and Dunstable had nothing to do with it. He further stated that notification was given and Dunstable could have been here. He agreed that Superintendent does act as agent. It might have made sense to wait a little longer however, he was convinced that this is the desire of the school committee and he accept it. This is for the remainder of the term up to the election at which point people have a right to vote.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that Dr. Jennings did consult with legal counsel and thus far had no written response. He again suggested that we not go forward with these proceedings.

Mr. Chamberlin stated, "This was subject to your interpretation. There is important business that is before school committee, a magnitude of which would put this dispute of policy as miniscule. You have to budget for town and school and need a full complement of people working hard now." Mr. Chamberlin further stated that we have two candidates before us and thanked them for being willing to take on this thankless task.

The two candidates were Chuck McKinney (CM) and Jeanne Niemoller (JN).

A lengthy interview process ensued with members of the BOS and School Committee asking various questions such as:

1. What are your strengths and philosophy of public education?

Ms. Niemoller stated that she has lived here since 1994. She stated that since this position is not elected, she would work extra hard because she would not have the validation of the voters. She felt it a real unique opportunity to appointment someone. Regarding her background, Ms. Niemoller said that her experience includes Prescott School Council for two years and of which she is currently co-chair. She stated that that the School Council works on building budget, school improvement goals, insight into school district, building and task force handling and that is her understanding of school committee level, within the school system. Half of her career is military. She would brief high-level officials and was not afraid to go to officials to get results. She also has a commercial software background, being product manager, which is a liaison between engineering and customer and sales forces screaming for the product. Her motivation of being here was for the children of the district. She has the time and opportunity to help. She has strong work ethic and is confident to step in short order.

Mr. McKinney has lived in Groton since 1991/92. He has three children who are school age. His professional background is 15 years in high tech computer industry – technical sales role – a job that required a great deal of discovery with all levels of interaction. In the last 7 years, he managed marketing international. He built bicycle teams where you travel as a pack and the synergy between all companies and you develop skills of dealing with people and personalities and problems to be solved for cohesiveness. Personally he's been involved in town affairs for 4 years. He was involved with the town's master plan which led to peak interest in school, served on board at Groton Community School, and saw how it's run, community work, impact of growth, been on the Growth Management Advisory Committee and been chair for last 3 years where you look at impact of growth, chaired two political committees – middle school vote – middle school renovations – and has been more exposed to the trajectory of the budget regarding schools policies, goals and population – two different paths that have lead to school.

2. With the state's budget looking bleak for Chapter 70 reimbursement and taxpayers expecting the same high level of performance, how do you intend to grapple with hard decisions such as cuts, increased users fees, transportation issues?

JN – since 9/11, everyone understands things will be different. The School Committee must set proper expectations of what can and can't be done through communication. In addition to communication, an attitude that the message be delivered with lack of budget, we all have to make sacrifices to our home, town, state, nation. The delivery of message and the buy in that needs to be in the message.

CM – An action team to improve communication with school committee and community. One objective is to do a good job to communicate school budget to pass at town meeting. The School Committee is encumbered to be organized and forthright to articulate certain programs and to isolate programs that might need to go and provide benchmarks to articulate what that list might be and communicate why that might be.

3. Do you support the legislature raising taxes so that Groton's portion of state aid would not be drastically cut?

JN – after some clarification on the question, YES

CM – there's a difference between circle of reference and circle of concern. The Circle of Concern gives out anxiety without the ability of doing anything. The Circle of Reference would be to get the best budget, ask all stakeholders to increase their share and to focus on job at hand. 1993 has increased state aid and made towns more dependent on it. In the process of discovery, excess debt provision has been affected negatively by the Education Reform Act. Delaying tax rollbacks will fund education reform act.

4. What do you think of the school district?

CM - good performing school district, it outperforms at value price based on the amount of money per student basis, below state average on cost and performing above state average – school district has good high-level objectives.

JN – a fantastic school district, coming from Michigan public school education, what we offer to our children is fantastic, children are appreciative of school scores, come to school feel motivated. The facilities are a problem/issue, however, the district has managed to build Chicopee row.

5. Do you envision continuing with us?

JN – looking to fulfilling the term and focus on job – not looking out.

CM –he wouldn't be in a position to decide now, would spend the next 7 months working in the job and then if the job agreed with you, it would be natural to want to continue so he felt there would be a 50/50 chance and would be inclined to think about it.

6. Describe a time and place where you worked and how you see your role?

CM – served on relative diverse groupings, not only town but also professional teams, participated in team building management exercises – the key is to let the roles play very distinct differences. If you play to the differences you won't benefit as well as you treat someone else's position as weak or adversarial, quite a bit of animosity but what was most important was to keep the group focused on the ball. Don't lose sight of main goal.

JN – serves on the Prescott School council where you reach consensus we have a mechanism. In the military, you don't have a choice of who your players are, you have a mission with players from all backgrounds and different prospective and you have to achieve results. There are group roles and a lot of work to do. You want it to be a productive team.

7. Do you believe in written policies? Will you read and adhere to them?

JN – policies are laws, if you will, to be run on. We have law enforcement agencies and judges. I think it imperative but also rely on law enforcement and judges.

CM – seen bylaws that govern be violated and have had to remove individuals – policy shown detrimental to the organization – time to change policy not adhere blindly to it.

8. How would you avoid micromanaging the schools?

CM - Comes down to really understanding your role. Not to jump in. Believes in chain of command.

JN – The school committee is a guiding force not dictatorial force – working with the principal on the council shows team cooperation.

Jane Allen stated that several other people expressed interest in this appointment and she would like to publicly thank all those who put their names in

All the members of the School Committee and BOS voted. The votes were two for Chuck McKinney and four for Jeanne Niemoller.

Mr. Chamberlin voted for Jeanne stating she shared the same general broad philosophy of Chris Mills and himself.

Mr. Cunningham voted for Chuck. He felt they were both qualified however he was most familiar with Chuck's experience on

the GMAC

Karen Riggert voted for Jeanne. It was a hard vote because she's seen both in action and felt they both were go-getters and both had the time to commit.

Jane Allen voted for Jeanne.

Judy Converse voted for Jeanne. She stated that Chuck has done a great job on GMAC and she would hate to see him pulled from that effort and also has seen Jeanne on the School Council.

Peter O'Sullivan voted for Chuck. He felt he would be an asset with policy and budget not only this fiscal year but also coming up in the next four years.

Mr. Chamberlin then read a statement regarding the whole issue of the resignation of Chris Mills and the vacancy and it is attached.

Mr. George Seiner asked Mr. Chamberlin if he had provided Mr. O'Sullivan with an advance copy? Did Mr. Chamberlin think that was unfair? Mr. O'Sullivan's crucial questions are on policies and rules, and the way it effects children in school is important when they see that the School Committee can get away with it. He felt it sent the wrong message.

Mr. Jim Cullen agreed with Mr. Seiner stating he felt Mr. Chamberlin's speech was in poor taste.

Mr. Cunningham commented that it is time to put all this behind us. It will be an incredibly difficult time for budgets. People need to work together for this to happen. It can't happen if it's a nasty, contentious time. The public needs to feel that we are working together as a community and taxpayers. Both the School Committee and Finance Committee and Selectmen are going to have to make very tough decisions.

Mr. Steve Moulton wanted to thank all the interested parties for their comments.

PROCEDURE FOR TOWN ACCOUNTANT SEARCH

The BOS need to proceed with filling the Town Accountant position with the early retirement of Ann Walsh and with the defeat of the Finance Director position at Town Meeting.

Mr. Steve Webber said that the committee would continue on as well even though the Finance Director position did not.

Mr. Cunningham stated that we would go back to revisiting the position at some point perhaps prior to Annual Town Meeting and that this is the direction that finance has to go in, with tight budget for town meeting and tough decisions to be made.

Ms. Kitchen stated that she will draft an ad and forward it to the Finance Director Search Committee for comment and place the ad in the Boston Globe, Lowell Sun and a local paper and will have the resumes due by the 2nd week of November.

Municipal Space Needs, Lost Lake Fire Station, Brooks Lyman and Michelle Collette

Mr. Lyman stated that their recommendation of Winter Street Architects for the design of Lost Lake Fire Station was a hard decision to make. Winter Street was selected from a field of 7 architects, 3 of which were interviewed. Two of the three were most qualified and Winter Street won by a very thin margin.

Ms. Collette stated that they have a stellar reputation with other fire departments, such as Dracut, Tyngsboro and Ayer to name a few. All departments have nothing but glowing comments. The portfolio was very strong. They would bring a new perspective to this project. We are going to be more cost effective to bring the job in with less money than was appropriated. The rapport between Winter Street, the Committee and the Fire Department was important for this to be accomplished.

Mr. Cunningham moved to award the contract for architectural services to Winter Street Architects. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Chamberlin thanked the committee for all their hard work done on this selection process.

Policy Revisions

"Attendance at Committee Meetings," "Use of Town-Owned Vehicles" and "Temporary Liquor License Policy." Ms. Kitchen stated that these revisions were amended just slightly for a more readable document and formatted, along with numerous others to be brought before the board at a later date, all alike in order to be distributed to all departments, a project that has been in the works for some time.

Mr. Cunningham moved to accept Attendance at Committee Meetings, Use of Town-Owned Vehicles and Temporary Liquor License Policy as amended. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Review/Approve Minutes

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of September 30, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Chamberlin had one revision to the minutes of October 7, 2002, and it was so noted. Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2002 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Executive Session Minutes of September 16, 2002

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve and not release the Executive Session Minutes of September 16, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Weed Harvester Committee Appointment

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Elizabeth A. Montgomery to the Weed Harvester Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Easement Agreement

Mr. Cunningham move to execute the Right of Way Easement Agreement between the Town of Groton and Shakerton Foundation. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn at 10:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.

Approved: _____
Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Casey
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved: November 12, 2002

Attachments (4)

1. PAYT Presentation entitled "Choice"
2. Main Street Public Hearing Checklist
3. Please Make Main Street Safe! Petition
4. Dann Chamberlin's 4-page statement