

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 21, 2005
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
“APPROVED”**

Present: George F. Dillon, Jr., Chair; John L. Saball, Vice Chair; Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Mihran Keoseian, Member; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen; and Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant

The meeting opened at 7:03P.M.

Administrative Assistant Maria Casey RE: Liquor License Renewals and Sunday Entertainment Licenses and Weekly Entertainment Licenses with Building Commissioner Michael Tusino and Fire Chief Joseph Bosselait

Ms. Maria Casey and Mr. Michael Tusino were present for this portion of the meeting. Chief Bosselait was unable to attend due to a previous training commitment.

Ms. Casey explained that the ABCC was now requiring inspection certifications for Section 12 licenses to be issued by the Building Inspector and signed by the Fire Chief. Ms. Casey stated that there had been a rush at the end as the two authorities which implemented the change had not collaborated on the forms until recently. Mr. Tusino stated that there had been a rush but all eight buildings have passed and those that are required to have sprinkler systems (Groton Inn and Groton Country Club) have two years in which to comply.

Mr. Dillon asked how much time it took to do the inspections. Mr. Tusino stated approximately two weeks. Mr. Saball asked if there were a checklist for future use. Mr. Tusino stated that there was. Mr. Dillon asked if all the paperwork was in order. Ms. Casey stated that in September she sent notification to the Tax Collector and Police Chief and all taxes were up to date and a letter had been received from Detective Gemos for Sunday Entertainment licenses.

Mr. Dillon asked if the Groton Country Club's license had been changed to Currier & Chives. Ms. Casey stated that that change is pending because the authorized manager had left the company and we are awaiting the status, but the license would cover both the snack bar and function hall.

Mr. Saball moved to approve the renewal of Common Victualler Licenses, to serve All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages, for the following establishments:

Gibbet Hill Grill LLC d/b/a Gibbet Hill Grill Restaurant and Gibbet Hill Grill Function Hall, Thomas Totman, Manager; R. C. Kimball, Inc. d/b/a Oliver's Grille & Pub, Cheryl Hryniewich, Manager; licenses to expire December 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Saball moved to approve the renewal of a Retail Package Goods Store License for the sale of Wines and Malt Beverages to Vimuben G. Patel d/b/a Groton Convenience, Inc., license to expire December 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Saball moved to approve the renewal of Retail Package Goods Store Licenses for the sale of All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages to Groton Market, Inc., John M. Madigan, Manager, and to Denis H. Marchand and Estelle C. Marchand d/b/a Craven's Package Store, licenses to expire December 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Saball moved to approve the renewal of General On Premise Licenses for the sale of All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages to the Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority, Brad Durrin, Manager, for the Snack Bar/Lounge and Function Hall, licenses to expire December 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Saball moved to approve the renewal of an Innholder License for All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises for the Groton Stage Coach Inn & Tavern, Inc., license to expire December 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

*Mr. Saball moved to approve a Public Entertainment on Sunday License for the following establishments, all licenses to expire December 31, 2006:
Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority for live entertainment and disc jockey and
Groton Stage Coach Inn & Tavern, Inc. for live entertainment (dinner music), small bands, and occasionally disc jockey.*

Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Vote for Interim Borrowing through Water Pollution Abatement Trust

Ms. Kitchen stated that the Water Department had permanently bonded \$4.4 million and this is an interim note to allow the Water Department to draw down and the cost will be borne by the rate payers.

Mr. Saball moved to execute the \$1,234,434 General Obligation Interim Loan Note (Water Bonds) detailed as follows:

(1) That the Town shall issue bonds for financing the costs of making improvements to the water system, including costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,243,104 (the "Bonds"), authorized under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 8(4) and 8(5) and Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by a vote of the Town, duly adopted, all as more particularly described herein.

(2) The Bonds shall be dated as of their date of issuance and issued initially as registered Bonds, shall mature in annual installments and bear interest on such day(s) in each year as may be approved by the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Schedule C appended to the Loan Agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust") hereinafter described (the "Loan Agreement"), such approval to be evidenced by their execution of the Bonds. The Bonds are substantially in the form set forth as Exhibit B to the Loan Agreement and otherwise shall be issued in such manner and forms as the signatories shall approve by their execution thereof.

(3) That the forms, execution and delivery of the Project Regulatory Agreement between the Town and the Department of Environmental Protection of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated as of October 14, 2005 and the Loan Agreement dated as of October 19, 2005 both as executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the Town's Treasurer or any other appropriate official of the Town, in order to evidence the sale of the Bonds, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects, with any changes therein not inconsistent with this vote as may be approved by the Treasurer or any other appropriate official of the Town.

(4) That prior to the aforesaid sale of the Bonds to the Trust, in accordance with the terms of the Loan Agreement, the Town may issue its Interim Loan Note (the "Note") in anticipation of the issuance of said Bonds; that such Note shall be sold to the Trust at the price of par, plus accrued interest to its date of delivery, if any, and shall mature at such time or times and bear interest at such rate or rates as may be approved by the Treasurer and a majority of the Board in accordance with the terms of the Loan Agreement, such approval to be evidenced by their execution of such Note and such other related documents as bond counsel to the Town or officials of the Trust shall require in connection therewith.

(5) That this Note issue shall consist of a \$1,234,434 Interim Loan Note (Water Bonds) authorized under Chapter 44, Sections 8(4) and 8(5) and Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented and by a vote of the Town duly adopted under Article 19 of the Warrant at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting.

(6) That all things heretofore done and all action heretofore taken by the Town and its officers and agents in its authorization of the Project and its financing are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

(7) That the Town Clerk and the signers of the Bonds and this Note are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including delivering the Bonds against payment therefor." Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Kelly Ann Condon, Verizon RE: License

Ms. Condon was present for the portion of the meeting. Ms. Condon stated Verizon needed access to the tower facility at Cow Pond Brook Road to provide a dial tone and provide maintenance.

Mr. Dillon stated that the Town had been having some difficulty with Verizon in another area of Town and read a letter from Doris Chojnowski and asked Ms. Condon if she could apply some pressure to get it done. Ms. Condon stated that she did not see that side of the business, she would forward the list and message to someone in the company.

Mr. Saball moved to approve the License between Verizon New England, Inc. and the Town of Groton in consideration of the mutual covenants with Bay Communications LLC for the non-exclusive right to locate/co-locate etc. on Cow Pond Brook Road with the terms and conditions set forth in the License, dated November 21, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

GIS Implementation Assistance Consulting Contract with Applied Geographics, Inc.

Mr. Saball moved to execute the contract with Applied Geographics, Inc. for GIS Implementation Assistance Consulting and Web Hosting Services, as dated July 28, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

GIS Website Upgrade Contract with Applied Geographics, Inc.

Mr. Saball moved to execute the contract with Applied Geographics, Inc. for Upgrade to Existing Web-Based GIS Application, as dated October 12, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

Ms. Kitchen stated that she had attended an MMA meeting dealing with Communication and stated she would like to meet with Mr. Keoseian to review the meeting's content.

SELECTMEN LIAISON UPDATE

Mr. Keoseian stated that he had attended the GDRSD budget kickoff meeting and Mr. Young had said he would review every line. Mr. Keoseian stated it was tedious but productive and he was seeing an effort to try to decrease the numbers.

Mr. Cunningham stated that a month or so ago the members of the School Committee come in relative to their meeting with the DOR and he had read that the effort in Dunstable had cost that town \$11,000 and because of one individual at the DOR we were compelled to make the decision that was made. Mr. Cunningham stated that at the time he took exception at the time about how it was handled and thought that the Board could join with the contemporaries in Dunstable in sending a letter to the DOR. Mr. Dillon stated that if there were any payout the DOR will be vindicated, but it had been indicated that there would be a small chance of a payout and he would not be opposed to sending a constructive letter. Mr. Cunningham agreed the letter should be constructive and that we as communities take exception to the rigid interpretation of the law and imposed unnecessary hardship on the communities which we object to. Mr. Dillon asked Ms. Kitchen to contact Dunstable to see if the Board of Selectmen would be interested in sending a joint letter.

Mr. Saball moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigation position. Also, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; and will not reconvene back into Open Session. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Roll Call Vote: Dillon- yes; Saball – yes; Nordblom – yes; Cunningham – yes; Keoseian – yes.

Approved: _____
Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk

respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Newell
Office Assistant

Date Approved: December 19, 2005