Present: Peter S. Cunningham, Chair; George F. Dillon, Jr., Vice Chair; John L. Saball, Clerk; Mihran Keoseian, Member; Jeff Ritter, Interim Administrative Officer; Maria Casey, Administrative Assistant; and Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review Special Town Meeting Articles with Spo

(Mich and solution between 1 and 1 a bylaw/maps. Ms. Maloney stated that the information currently available on-line is outdated and previously a lot of time and money has been committed to update the code book

Mr. George Moore addressed the Right to Farm by-law article.

Mo. Rick Highers addressed the filtering (PA, relative, transferred for price of the price of th

Prescott School
 Lost Lake basketball court

Mr. Keoseian stated that he was opposed to the funds to be used for the privy restoration and the amount of \$50,000 for the basketball court seemed excessive for a CPA project.

Mr. Cunningham asked Mr. Hughson how many bids or how much detail the CPC required of applicants. Mr. Hughson stated that obtaining multiple bids is encouraged, but not required

Mr. Cunningham addressed the B & M railroad purchase of the right of way of the abandoned line from W. Groton to Perperell which connects to Hollis, NH, the funding will come from the Conservation Comm

Mr. Tom Delaney, Highway Surveyer addressed the article for an intermediate or light duty trock. Mr. Delaney stated that he would ideally like a intermediate track, but could make due if with a light duty pick up track if the budget was tight. Ms. Inhims stated that a number needed to be inserted for budgetary purposes. Mr. Delaney requested SS2,000.

Mr. Delaney addressed the article for a replacement laws mower. He stated that the existing mower had been destroyed by fire and one option would be to buy 2 mowers with a narrower cutting range, but would be faster and increase efficiency

Mr. Ritter addressed the article for the Williams Barn/Cenetery land survey conveyance. Mr. Ritter stated the had seoken to Mr. Stan Dillis and received an estimate in the amount of \$1,000 for the survey. Mr. Ritter stated that he had also seoken with a representative of the Cemetery Commission and there may be some room for necestration.

Mr. Scott Wilson, Planning Board addressed the Station Avenue funding article. Mr. Wilson stated that the Planning Board needed to develop a master plan for the area. Ms. Renu Swezey, Assistant Assessor addressed the article for Clause 41a. Ms. Swezey stated that the deferral of taxes for serior citizens is currently only available for those with an income of up to \$20,000. Under DOR guidelines a town may vote to increase the requirements to \$40,000 and make the program available for other seniors.

Mr. Stuart Schalman, Zoning Board of Appeals addressed the article for funding of an engineering review for Groton Residential Gardens. Mr. Schalman stated that the funding would normally come from a 563 account but there is not enough in the account to cover the review of the drainage issues.

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Mr. Cunningham applianded the Sign Committee's proactive approach and thanked Mr. Kauppi for volunteering and acting as chairman. Mr. Keoseian thanked Mr. Kauppi and the Committee for a regulatory letter that is understandable.

OTHER BUSINESS Surrenden Farm Update Mr. Ed McNierney, Trails

enmittee was present for this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the Surrenden Farm Land Use Committee was currently working on a land management plan and investigating the trail network.

Mr. McNierney reviewed the trail system on a map, documenting existing trails and then potential trails depending upon the use of the land, i.e. agricultural.

Parks Department -Letter of Support CPA Application
Mr. Cunnungham stated that the Board was being asked to draft a letter of support for the CPA application.

Mr. Dillon stated that he did not feel the application addressed the basketball court specification

Mr. Keoseian stated that he did not support the application as presented.

Mr. Dillon stated that he would support the application, however he would like to see more speci

Mr. Haghoon stated that many representatives of the neighborhood has come ferward asking if the CPC would support the baskehall coast. Mr. Dilios stated that these would be a public bearing with the Finance Committee to review the warrant articles on Monday, October 2, 2006. Mr. Hugboon stated that he would tell the representatives that their presence was requested and required.

Mr. Saball stated that the town had committed to the basketball court, but some scrutiny was necessary.

Ms. Wood asked who would maintain the courts. Mr. Hughson stated that the Parks Department would do the maintenance

Mr. Keoseian stated that he supports recreation and the basketball court, and would support the application with a qualifier that more specifications and several quotes should be submitted for review.

Blue Ribbon

Mr. Cunningham stated that Ms. Jane Bouvier and Mr. Don Kennedy had withdrawn their names from consideration.

Ms. Wood stated that she would be honored to be on the committee and asked if there were new issues or the same issues from when she had been on the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Cunningham moved to nominate Ms. Virginia Wood as business community representive to the Blue Ribbon Governance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Kosecian. Unanimous vote.
Mr. Cunningham moved to nominate Mr. Ed. Strachan as Citizen at Large representative to the Blue Ribbon Governance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Dillon. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Canningham stated that both Mr. Jane Allies and Mrs. Sylvin's Surgiolo had expressed interest in serving on the committee. Mr. Knoscian's comments and added that Mrs. Sampido secured to be very open to potential changes and that would be a very positive influence on the committee.

Mr. Keoseian moved to nominate Ms. Sylvia Sangiolo as Citizen at Large to the Blue Ribbon Governance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Dillon. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Dillon moved to appoint Virginia Wood as Groton Business Representative; Mr. Ed Strachun as Citizm at Large; Ms. Edus B. White as Town Government Study Committee Representative; Ms. Spiria Sangiolo as Citizm at Large, terms to expire June 30, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Saball. Unan

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Mr. Dillon stated that it should cut down on the amount of time that the department heads would need to go before various boards.

INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Eitter reviewed the following:
The Town Hall employees had observed a moment of silence on the front steps.
Meetings attended

Meetings attended
 Scheduled meeting with Dr. Genovese and non-department heads
 Submitted a form for Board approval to streamline the annual and special town meeting warnant articles.
 He will pursue the insurance company regarding the lawn mower which had caught fire.

SELECTMEN LIAISION REPORT

Mr. Cunningham stated that the Surrenden Farm Land Use Committee had done a site walk and roughed out the location of building sites for agricultural use.

Mr. Dillon stated that he had attended Geotonfest and congratulated the sponsors. Mr. Dillon also attended the Farnsworth memorial at the old burying grounds on Sunday

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Mr. Dillor moved to enter into Executive Sension at 9-45 p.m. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 22B, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation and Will Not recovere in Open Sension. Seconded by Mr. Saball. Roll Call Vote: Keosrian - yez; Saball - yez; Chantingham - yez.

respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Newell

Office Assistant

Date Approved: October 30, 2006