

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2008
APPROVED**

Present: Joshua A. Degen, Chairman; Stuart Schulman, Vice Chairman; Anna Eliot, Clerk; Peter Cunningham; George Dillon, Jr.

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Degen called meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the announcements and agenda.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

1. Mr. Haddad reviewed the agenda and updated the Board on the Mill Street truck exclusion and that the Traffic Rules & Regulations would be updated.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that he has spoken to Townsend regarding the MOU with the Watershed Association and a joint review by counsel. Mr. Haddad stated that he would keep the Board up to date if anything changes.
3. Mr. Haddad stated that he would keep the Board updated on when the Tax Classification Hearing would be.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that due to a long absence of the Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Haddad recommended that Tom Delaney, Highway Supervisor be appointed the Interim Maintenance Supervisor with additional stipend of \$100 a week.

Mr. Schulman moved to ratify the appointment of Tom Delany as Interim Maintenance Supervisor for a six (6) week period citing the Charter 4.2 c. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Mr. Haddad reported that he reviewed the IT position and felt that the position was crucial. Mr. Haddad reported that an advertisement would go out after an internal posting.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the October 2, 2008, First Round Town Manager interviews meeting minutes, as amended. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Schulman made a motion to approve the October 3, 2008 work session minute. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (2 abstentions)

LIASON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham stated that he attended the 10th Anniversary of Round Town at Clover Farm Market. Mr. Dillon stated that he met with the budget team to discuss the FY10 Budget and commented that it was a good process. Mr. Degen stated that the meeting with Dick Heaton needed to occur on November 17th and that the Board should take a position on the Prescott School RFP process.

TRANSFER FUEL LICENSE

Mr. Schulman moved to reopen the public hearing at 7:20pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting opened.

Mr. Schulman moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the transfer of the fuel storage license from Peterborough Oil d/b/a Mr. Mikes, 6 Boston Road to Alliance Energy LLC to expire March 31, 2009. Ms Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIAIONS REPORTS, CONT.

Mr. Schulman stated that the Country Club issues have come up that needed to be discussed. The Building Inspector will write up a report on the issues and submit it to the Town Manager. Mr. Dillon reported that the Board met with the Town Manager and discussed goals and objectives.

MILL STREET TRUCK EXCLUSION

Mr. Degen explained the issue before the Board and read the vote that would be taken. MR. Degen explained the exemption of trucks that can not clear the bridge on Rt. 119.

Public Input

1. Brooks Lyman commented on the need for an exemption for people that live on Mill Street.
2. Ron Alcott supported the exclusion and commented on speed and noise caused by passing trucks.
3. Lori McClusky was concerned with the turn from Rt. 119 was a tough turn into traffic.
4. Steve Webber asked if the business on Mill Street was exempt. Mr. Degen stated that it was.
5. Dorothy Truax stated that the farm operating off of Mill Street used heavy trucks and wanted restrictions on the farm. Ms. Eliot stated that the farm had no other access therefore they were exempt.
6. Jim Westland asked about signs that are disappearing on Mill Street. Mr. Delaney stated that he would look into it.
7. Mr. Truax stated that the farm operating on Mill Street operates at all hours of the night. Mr. Degen suggested he put his concerns in writing and it would be looked at when the Town starts to revise the Traffic Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the following. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chapter 270 of the Code of the Town of Groton entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 270, Article III "Heavy Commercial Truck Exclusion" is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:

Section 270-4 "Heavy Commercial Truck Exclusion"

The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles having a carrying capacity of more than two and one-half tons is hereby excluded on the following named streets or parts thereof:

1. *Mill Street*

Exemptions – This section shall not apply to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from locations upon said streets for the purpose of making deliveries of goods, materials or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or buildings or adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained; or to vehicles in connection with construction, maintenance or repair of said streets or public utilities therein; or to Federal, State, or Municipal owned vehicles.

Approved this Third day of November, 2008

By: Groton Board of Selectmen

Joshua A. Degen, Chairman

Stuart M. Schulman, Vice Chairman

Anna Eliot, Clerk

Peter S. Cunningham, Member

George F. Dillon, Jr., Member

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Dillon stated that this item was held to give time for Mr. Russell to attend in keeping with the selectmen's policy on appointment to Boards. Mr. Burke stated that he was aware of the goals of the committee and has the experience needed. Mr. Burke stated that every community was different and that the committee could look at underutilized areas.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the appointment of Russell Burke to the Economic Development Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2011. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TARBELL SCHOOL USE DISCUSSION WITH BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Degen stated that Mr. Lyman of the building committee was present and asked his thoughts on Tarbell. Mr. Lyman distributed a report that he created on Tarbell. Mr. Lyman stated that the building needed work and was not handicap accessible. Mr. Degen commented on the septic system, and questioned who was responsible for keeping it up to date. Ms. Eliot commented that there was a walk through at Tarbell with a public hearing following on November 15th. Mr. Dillon suggested a letter sent to the schools regarding issues brought up regarding Tarbell.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The Board moved to the Board of Health Meeting.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 12-8-08