

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2008
APPROVED**

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

Absent: Peter Cunningham

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. UPDATE ON ICE STORM- Mr. Haddad reported that a debriefing was conducted by Emergency Officials and that there would be a brush removal drop off provided by the Highway Department. Mr. Haddad commended all departments on their efforts during the Ice Storm.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that he was still awaiting word from the Attorney Generals Office regarding Prescott School.
3. Mr. Haddad stated that there would be some sign by-law revisions for Town Meeting.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that the street light updated was still in process.
5. Mr. Haddad requested that the board recognize the declared federal holiday on Friday, December 26th.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the *following*: A. 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 ; licenses both to expire December 31, 2009

Contingent on approval from the Fire Chief and Building Inspector

A renewal of Common Victualler Licenses, to serve All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages and R.C. Kimball d/b/a Oliver's Grille & Pub, Cheryl Hryniewich, Manager.

Contingent on proof of TIPS Training.

A 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, 2009

A renewal of General On Premise Licenses for the sale of All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages to the Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority, Rodney Van Guilder, Manager, for the Snack Bar/Lounge, license to expire December 31, 2009

Contingent on approval from the Fire Chief and Building Inspector

A 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., George Pergantis, Manager, license to expire December 31, 2009.

Contingent on approval from the Fire Chief and Building Inspector, proof of TIPS training by December 31, 2008

A the renewal of Retail Package Goods Store Licenses for the sale of Wine and Malt Alcoholic Beverages to Nine West Main Properties, Inc Janice Hurst, Manager d/b/a Clover Farm Market to expire December 31, 2009.

Contingent on payment by December 31, 2008

A renewal of a Retail Package Goods Store, Wine and Malt License for the Groton General Store, Vimuben Patel, Manager to expire December 31, 2009.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Collette introduced Ms. Kaffee Kang, Architect of Pang Associates. Ms. Kang presented the Board with the final feasibility study on Squannacook Hall. Ms. Kang gave the goals of the study followed by a brief history of the building. Ms. Kang presented the firms recommendations for the building such as structural repairs, upgrade to ventilation system, interior reconstruction and a new floor plan. Mr. Degen asked if a test of the septic system was completed. Ms. Kang stated that due to the age of the building the exact location of the system is in question. Mr. Lyman, building committee member stated that parking was also an issue.

Public Input

1. Berta Erickson asked if any abutters were approached regarding the surrounding land. Ms. Collette stated that abutters were asked and were not interested in relinquishing any property surrounding Squannacook Hall.
2. Dale Ames stated that the boy scouts use the building for meetings. Mr. Degen stated that septic and parking needed to be settled. Mr. Lyman stated that there were stages to the renovation. Mr. Degen stated that the septic and parking issues needed to be solved. Ms. Collette stated that she had not found the septic system information on the site. Ms Kang stated that there was limited information on the septic system. Mr. Haddad suggested the building committee go back and do some work and come back before the board.

SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS:

Mr. Schulman complemented the departments for their work during the ice storm. All board members concurred that the Town was served well during the storm. MS. Eliot mentioned the GELD meeting regarding capstone and that there will be another meeting on January 13th with GELD and Capstone.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the November 10, 2008 meeting minutes, as amended. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the meting at 8:35pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 1-26-09