

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES DECEMBER 22, 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 reported that he spoke to Capstone and a meeting is scheduled to meet with the Board later this month.
2. Mr. Haddad gave the Board an update on the budget and that he would be submitting a balanced budget on December 31, 2008. Mr. Haddad reminded the Board that they would be meeting on with the Finance Committee on January 6th.
3. Mr. Haddad stated that due to the storm the Street Light map was delayed but hoped to have it ready soon.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the renewal of Public Entertainment for the following establishments, all license to expire December 31, 2009:

- Groton Country Club Authority, for live entertainment and disc jockey
- Groton Stage Coach Inn & Tavern, Inc., for live entertainment (dinner music), small bands, and occasionally disc jockey
- Groton House of Pizza, for 1 Pinball Machine, 2 Video Games & 1 Juke Box

Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the renewal of license for Public Entertainment on Sundays to the Groton Stage Coach Inn & Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIAISONS REPORTS

Mr. Dillon stated that he attended the GDRSD meeting where they discussed the FY10 budget. Ms. Eliot commented on the Economic Development Committee and their regularly held meetings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHANGE TO FLSA IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Haddad stated that the under the FLSA guidelines Fire Fighters get overtime if they work 48 plus hours. The way the Groton department is covered it does not work out that way and firefighters are working overtime during a pay period and should be able to receive overtime pay. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board consider revising the policy on how overtime is calculated. Mr. Haddad stated that there would be no impact to the budget due to ambulance receipts. Chief Bosselait stated that it was an issue of equity. Mr. Dillon had no problems with the request and asked about ALS in surrounding towns and if that would be impacted. Chief Bosselait stated that it could change ALS in the future. Mr. Haddad stated that this was a policy decision of the Board.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the following: As of January 1, 2009 Full-Time Fire Fighters would reduce the number of hours from 106 to 92; FY2010 from 92 to hours and Fy2011 from 88 to 84 hours. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the November 17, 2008 meeting minutes. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried (1 abstention)

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the October 20, 2008 meeting minutes, as amended. Mr. Cunningham second the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Ms. Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 1-26-09