

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES APRIL 21, 2009
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 agenda for the public.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad reported that the Footstones for the Old burying ground could not be completed by the Highway Department due to their time.
2. Mr. Haddad reported on the suggestion of having an Affordable Housing Coordinator paid out of the CPC Administration line. Mr. Schulman supported the idea of the position but cautioned it be a “paper-pushing” position, and real results were going to be needed.
Mr. Schulman moved to authorize the Town Manager to submit a proposal funding the CPC administration funds line for a Housing Coordinator. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Haddad reported that the Police Chief has requested neighbors watch and call the station if there is any suspicious behavior.

ARMY COMMUNITY COVENANT PRESENTATION

Mr. Frank Belisky thanked the Board and distributed copies of brochures describing the Covenant Program. Mr. Belisky informed the Board that there will be a ceremony on June 25th. The program helps families of those men and women serving in the military and Mr. Belisky was seeking help from the residents of Groton.

Mr. Schulman moved to adopt the Army Community Covenant. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW MOTIONS FOR SPRING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Haddad updated the Board on the state reductions and discussed the state process. Mr. Haddad did not have any final numbers to give the Board but has a plan to address the cuts if they occur. Mr. Haddad explained that the School budget was a 2.5% increase and he was waiting for Dunstable’s decision on funding. Mr. Degen suggested that the Town of Groton not vote on the budget until more numbers are verified from the state. Mr. Haddad believed the current budget should be sent to Town Meeting as did the other members of the Board. Dr. Genovese was present to explain the district wide meeting process. The Board unanimously supported to bring the budget to Town Meeting. Mr. Haddad reviewed the Special Town Meeting motions with the Board.

FUEL TANK APPROVALS

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the following Annual Certificates of Registration fuel tanks:

*Alliance Energy, 6 Boston Road
Groton Dunstable Regional School District, Florence Roche Elementary School
Hollingsworth & Vose, 219 Townsend Road (Above Ground)
Deluxe Business Operations, 500 Main Street
May & Hally, Inc. 40 Court Street (Above Ground)
A.L. Prime Energy, Inc. 619 Boston Road
Groton School Maintenance Dpt, Farmers Row
Town of Groton Highway Garage, 500 Cow Pond Road*

Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LOCAL CULTURAL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the appointment of Lili Ott to the Local Cultural Council for an unexpired term, to expire June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham reported on the recent passing of Peter Cole. Mr. Dillon stated that he attended the GELD meeting and that the commissioners were not in support of a new RFP for Station Ave. Mr. Degen reported that he attended the Finance Committee meeting.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the March 23, 2009 Executive Session Minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the March 23, 2009 Regular Session Minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:40pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned to GELD.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 6-15-09