

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2009  
APPROVED**

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

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

*Mr. Cunningham called meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the public.*

**TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

1. Mr. Haddad and Chief Palma recognized Corey Waite and Dale Rose for receiving the MA Police Associations' Lifesaving Award for heroic efforts on July 11, 2008.
2. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board ratify his appointment for a secondary dispatcher to Michael MacGregor.  
Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointments to Michael MacGregor as a secondary Police Officer to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Haddad reported that the EMS Director William Shute will be retiring and the Town needed to appoint an Interim EMS Director.  
*Ms. Eliot moved to ratify Chief Donald Palma as the Interim EMS Director, Effective November 9<sup>th</sup> to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**BYOB PERMIT, MAIN STREET CAFÉ**

*Ms. Eliot moved to approve a Carry-In Alcohol Special Permit to Main Street Café, located at 159 Main Street for the hours of Mon-Sat 6pm-9pm; to expire December 30, 2010; following the Carry-In conditions in the Groton Alcohol Rules & Regulations adopted September 22, 2008. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**TOWN MANAGER REPORTS CONTINUED**

4. Mr. Haddad reported that the Groton Historical Society was requesting permission from the Board to reprint the book *Groton Turns 350*. Mr. Dillon requested that the GHS coordinate with the 350th committee and that the corrections and clarifications of December 2005 be included if the reprint goes forward.  
*Mr. Degen moved to grant the Groton Historical Society to reprint the book Groton Turns 350. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried, AE abstaining.*
5. Mr. Haddad reported that a spending freeze was put in place to address the state budget cuts.

**TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING**

*Mr. Dillon moved to open the public hearing at 7:15pm. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Hearing opened.*

Mr. Cunningham read the legal notice. Mr. Haddad and Ms. Sewzey reported to the Board the residential verse commercial ratio of the Town, regarding real estate tax receipts. The residential taxes account for approximately 94% of the real estate tax revenue.

*Mr. Degen moved to continue the single tax rate in the Town of Groton. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Schulman moved to close the public hearing at 7:30pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Hearing closed.*

**FOCUS GROUP SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Joanne Rys and Arthur Bettencourt of NESDEC who are conducting a search for the next Superintendent of the GDRSD gave a presentation to the Board. Ms. Rys and Mr. Bettencourt were conducting focus groups to help find the next superintendent. Ms Rys was also recruiting candidates through mailers and discussed the interview process of prospective candidates and hoped to complete the search by the beginning of March. Mr. Dillon hoped the next

Superintendent would have a strong fiscal and educational background. Other Board members concurred that strong fiscal creativity was essential. Discussion ensued regarding other attributes the Board would like to see in a superintendent. Visibility, Inspiring, union negotiation were some of the topics mentioned.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORTS CONTINUED**

6. Mr. Haddad asked if it made sense to join the Lost Lake Sewer Committee and the West Groton Sewer Committee that way Woodward & Curran are not duplicating efforts. It was suggested to not formally join the committees but to have a joint meeting of the committees every month.
7. Mr. Haddad requested a meeting with GELD and the Board to discuss a new Station Ave. RFP.

**TOWN MANAGER REVIEW**

This is the one year review of the Town Manager. Mr. Cunningham read from a prepared statement stating positive remarks concerning the work of the Town Manager. The overall rating of the Town Manager was very good.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Ms. Eliot commented on recent meetings she had attended and the opening of the Townsend Library.

**MINUTES**

*Ms. Eliot moved to approve the regular session minutes of March 16, 2009. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Ms. Eliot moved to approve the regular session minutes of August 10, 2009. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Eliot, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted,  
Patrice Garvin  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 1-25-10