

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JUNE 7, 2010
APPROVED**

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

Absent: Joshua A. Degen

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

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

Mr. Richard Commons of the Groton School was pleased to deliver a 100k check to the town of Groton. Mr. Dillon thanked Mr. Commons.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad reported the two new appointments in the Police Department. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board ratify his appointment of Paul R. Connell as Sergeant of the Groton Police Department. Chief Palma recognized the attendance of Officer Connell's family and recommended the appointment.
Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Paul R. Connell as Sergeant, effective 6-7-10. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Haddad also requested that the Board ratify Kevin T. Henehan as a Patrolman. Mr. Haddad stated that Officer Henehan was currently a reserve patrolman for the Town. Chief Palma recognized Officer Henehan's family and recommended that he be appointed a Groton Patrolman.
Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager's Appointment of Kevin T. Henehan as a Patrolman, effective 6-7-10 and to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that David Zeiler had resigned as Library Trustee. Since this is an elected position it is up to the Board to fill the seat until the next annual election. The Library Director is advertising the vacancy and conducting informal interviews to determine the best candidate. Mr. Haddad stated that he would update the Board on the process. Mr. Schulman, as Library Liaison volunteered to be a part of the process.
3. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board write a letter of support for the Wild and Scenic Rivers study now that the NRWS has responded to the questions from the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Schulman was satisfied with the response and asked the Board to vote on the support letter.
Mr. Cunningham moved to draft a support letter to Rep. Tsongas supporting the pending legislation on Wild and Scenic Rivers. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
4. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board adopt the Political Activity by Employees Policy. The Board had some reservation regarding the definition of "employee". The Board asked why the policy was needed if there was an existing law. Ms. Collette, Land Use Director stated that the policy was needed and would reinforce the laws currently in place. Mr. Haddad stated that he would look into the Boards concerns.
5. Mr. Haddad informed the Board that he would bring the Liaison Policy back once a full Board was in attendance.
6. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to consider the reappointment of Town Counsel K&P. The Board asked that comparative rates from other Towns be collected.
7. Mr. Haddad presented a summer schedule to the Board for their consideration.
8. Mr. Haddad reported that a final candidate was recommended by the Business Manager Search Committee. A *meet and greet* was scheduled for 6-8-10 and invited the Board to attend.

LIGHT DEPARTMENT-STATION AVENUE PLANS

Ms. Eliot stated that a joint meeting was called with GELD to consider a private developer working in conjunction with GELD, which would help reduce the cost of developing Station Ave. Mr. Kelley, General Manager of GELD distributed a map of the proposed GELD development on Station Ave. Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the Light Commission voted to stay on Station Ave but wanted to try and minimize its footprint. Mr. Cunningham asked about the existing GELD garage located near the rail trail. Mr. Kelly stated that garage would be coming down. Mr. Haddad wanted to make sure what if any transaction needed to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Kelly stated that GELD was going before the Conservation Commission for an informal discussion regarding the building of the new structure, regarding a wetland issue.

Ms. Eliot stated that the Board along with GELD should approach John Mullen of *Mullen Associates* on a feasibility study. Mr. Lindemere, Light Commissioner, stated that he was open to it but would not spend any money. Mr. Webber commented on the amount of trucks that go up and down Station Ave. and the need for a road through to Broadmeadow. Mr. Haddad stated that he would work with the Planning Board and GELD, after the Conservation Commission meeting, to discuss a consultant and facilitate the issue.

ANNUAL REAPPOINTMENTS

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of the following Communications Officers for a 1 year term: April Moulton, Supervisor, Edward Bushnoe, Warren Gibson, Mike MacGregor, relief dispatcher, Paul Martell, Sarah Power, Darlene Touchette. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the reappointment of Mark Miller to the Groton Police Auxiliary for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment the Local Licensing Agents for a 1 year term to Donald Palma and James Cullen. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the appointment of NIMS Coordinator for a 1 year term to Donald Palma. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Police Matron for a 1 year term to the following: Regina Beausoleil, April Moulton, Kathy Newell, Sarah Power, Deborah Richardson, Darlene Touchette. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the following reappointments of Police Officers for a 1 year term to the following: Lt. James Cullen, Sgt. Derrick Gemos, Sgt. Jeffrey Gigliotti, Det. Edward Sheridan, Sr., Robert Breault, Peter Breslin, Gordon Candow, Richard Elie, Dale Rose, Cory Waite. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of April Moulton to the Public Safety Database Coordinator for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments of Reserve Patrolmen for a 1 year appointment to the following: George Aggott, Edward Bushnoe, Kevin Feeley, Stephen McAndrew, Timothy VanNostrand. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments of Groton- Special Police Officers for a 1 year term to Jack Balonis, Jack Saball and George Rider. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the reappointment of the Agricultural Committee for a 3 year term to George Moore and Meredith Scarlet. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of R. Thomas Delaney, Jr for a 1 year term to Animal Control Officer. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of George Moore, for a 1 year term to Animal Inspector. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments to the Archives Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Norma Garvin, Michael Roberts, George Wheatley. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint the By-Law Study Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Michael Bouchard, Peter Cunningham, Mark W. Haddad, Steve Webber and John Giger. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments to the Cable Advisory Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Dorothy Davis, David Melpignano, Janet Vartanian Sheffield and the new appointment of Neil Collicchio. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments to the Conductorlab Oversight Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Arthur Blackman, Michelle Collette, Robert Hanninen, Kim Henry. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Susan Hogan to the Dog Officer for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments to the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee for a 3 year term to R. Thomas Delaney, Jr. and Robert Hanninen. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappoint of Michelle Collette to the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Election Workers, 1 year term:

Barbara Avery	Norma Garvin	Nancy Pierce
Florine Bakke	Louise Gaskins	Peg Russell
Maureen Beal	Joan Guimond	Connie Sartini
Marcia Birmingham	Ellen Hargraves	Stuart Shuman
Laurie Bonnett	Richard Hewitt	Arestothea Staub
Audrey Bryce	Lorene Holston	Rena Swezey
Marvin Caldwell	April Iannacone	Janet Thompson
Carol Chalmers	Edward Kopec	Ramona Tolles
Jane Chalmers	Stephen Legge	Marilyn Trecartin
Margaret Connolly	Lorraine Leonard	Ann Walsh
Anthony Corsetti	Eleanor Mariano	Margaret Wheatley
Irene Corsetti	Cindy Martell	Michael Woods
Joan Croteau	Mary McGrath	
Jean Cummings	Kathy Morin	
Carol Daigle	Eileen Navien	
Dorothy Davis	Lisa O'Neil	
Alberta Erickon	John Ott	
Carl Flowers	Geraldine Perry	

Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Edward Doucette and John Dee, as alternate to the Electrical Inspector for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of George Moore to Fence Viewer for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of George Moore to Field Driver for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Deborah Beal Normandin as Graves Registration Officer for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments to the Greenway Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Marion Stoddart, William Gavazzi, Stacy Chilcoat, David Manugian and appointment David Pitkin, Fran Stanley. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Donald Palma as Harbor Master for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Kathleen LeBlanc as Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Privacy for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments of Richard Chilcoat and Sheila Harrington to the Historic Districts Commission for a 3 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the reappointment of Robert Degroot and appointment of George Wheatley to the Historical Commission for a 3 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the reappointments to the Housing Partnership for a 1 year term to the following: Michelle Collette Peter Cunningham Carolyn Perkins Theresa Ragot. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments of the Insurance Advisory Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Jack Balonis, Kathleen LeBlanc, Paula Martin, April Moulton, Thomas Orcutt, Ann Walsh, Jason Goodwin and appointment of Barbara Cronin. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Donald Palma as Keeper of Lockup Constable for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Paul Matisse as Keeper of Town Clock for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 1 year to the following: Joseph Bosselait, Stephen Bryne, R. Thomas Delaney, Jr., Susan Horowitz, Robert Johnson, Leroy Johnson, Catherine Lincoln, Thomas Orcutt, Donald Palma, Kathy Puff, William Shute and a new appointment of Carl Flowers. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Evan Owen as Measurer of Wood and Bark for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee and Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, both 1 year terms to Anna Eliot. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the reappointment of R. Thomas Delaney Jr. as Moth Superintendent for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments of the Old Burying Ground Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Deborah Beal Normandin, Ellen Hargraves, Amanda Gavazzi, Kenneth Lefebvre Marcia Brazer. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Kathy Morin as Parking Clerk for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Brian Fidler and Father Paul Ring as Public Safety Chaplains for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments to the Recycling Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Michael Brady, Teresa David, Jamie King and appoint R. Thomas Delaney, Jr. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Steven Mickel as Road Kill Officer for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Eric Aaltonen as Sealer of Weights and Measures for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of the Squannacook River Rail Trail Committee for 3 year term to the following: Peter Cunningham Bruce Easom Peter Carson Stephen Legge and Russ Murray. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Connie Sartini as Town Diarist for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the appointment of John Sheedy to the Town Forest Committee for a 3 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointments of the Trails Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Edward Bretschneider, Bruce Easom, David Minott, Joachim Preiss, Alan Taylor, Stephen Legge, John Lynch. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment of Robert Johnson as the Veteran's Service Officer for a 1 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Chase Duffy, 1 year term as alternate, Bruce Easom, 1 year term as alternate, Megan Mahony, 1 year term as alternate, Harris McWade Gerber, 1 year s alternate, Alison Manugian, 3 year term full member, Jay Prager, 3 year term full member. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham reported on the ongoing progress on the Squannacook River Rail Trail. Mr. Dillon commented on the recent Memorial Day parade and wanted to thank Robert Johnson for doing a great job. Ms. Eliot stated that that the Economic Development Committee is meeting with the Sign Committee to discuss the revised Sign Bylaw. Mr. Schulman commented that he attended the Open Meeting Seminar and found it very informative. Mr. Haddad stated that he would draft a letter from the Board regarding concerns brought up at the seminar.

MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the May 10 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Degen moved to enter Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 S. 23B (3) to discuss litigation and contract negotiations, and not to return to open session. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call- Dillon-yes, Cunningham-yes, Schulman –yes, Eliot-yes.

Approved: _____
George F. Dillon, Jr., Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 7-12-10