

**GREENLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 5, 2010**

**Members Present: Chair Mo Sodini, Charles Cummings, Vaughan Morgan and John Penacho**

**Member Absent: Paul Sanderson**

**Staff: Karen Anderson, Town Administrator**

**Agenda**

Chair Sodini opened the Board of Selectmen public meeting at 7:00 P.M. He announced that a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

**Administrative & Other Items**

**1. Cemetery rules, re: horses**

The Board discussed the rules for the cemetery regarding horses. Mr. Cummings stated he had been at the cemetery last week and came across large piles of horse deposits that had not been removed. Mr. Sodini stated he emailed Cemetery Trustee, Leonard Fitzgerald, regarding the deposits left behind and suggested they write an ordinance that does not allow any animals in the cemetery unless for official business. This would include no more dog walking. Mr. Cummings noted when he saw the conditions at the cemetery, he was disturbed with the utter disrespect of the horse owner. After the discussion, the Board agreed that once an ordinance/rule was written, they would be willing to help purchase signs to be posted at the cemetery, by using funds from the budget.

**2. Abatements**

The Board reviewed Steve Traub's (Town's Commercial Assessor) recommendation, in regard to the abatement request for Map R20, Lot 6A (attachment 1). After the review, the Board agreed to his recommendation to reduce the assessment by \$500,000 for 2009, with a reduction for the upcoming assessment year, to a future assessed value of \$4,248,000. The following motion was made:

**Motion 1: Charles Cummings moved to approve the abatement for Map R20, Lot 6A, in the amount of \$500,000 for the 2009 assessed value, as recommended by the Town's Commercial Assessor. Vaughan Morgan seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. RPC Circuit Rider/Planner assistance contract**

The Board reviewed the Circuit Rider/Planner contract submitted by the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC). They noted the Planning Board had approved and signed this contract at their meeting on July 1, 2010. After the review, the following motion was made:

**Motion 2: Charles Cummings moved to approve the RPC Circuit Rider assistance contract, for the dates of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011 and authorize Chair Sodini to sign it on behalf of the Selectmen. John Penacho seconded the motion. All were in favor.**  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### **4. Trees at Veteran's Park**

Mr. Morgan asked to discuss a few trees at Veteran's Park that are of some concern. He stated there are six trees located at the park that, in his opinion and several other residents, should be taken down, as they could pose a threat to the welfare of the general public. Mr. Morgan indicated the trees in question are located along the small crossroad that divides the park. He proceeded to show the Board pictures he had taken that were a testimony to their condition. He stated his concern was if the Town should get a sudden wind storm (as has happened in the past) during one of the summer concerts, it could prove to be disastrous. Mr. Morgan indicated he knows of a company that has been taking trees down in his neighborhood and charges \$250.00 per tree. He offered to speak to that company to do the work.

The Board agreed to have an arborist take a look at the trees to see if they are in fact a danger.

#### **5. Elderly Exemption**

The Board reviewed a request for an elderly exemption. They noted the applicant had not signed the application. Ms. Anderson stated she would have the resident sign the application. After the review, the following motion was made:

**Motion 3: Charles Cummings moved to approve the elderly exemption as presented by the Town Administrator. Vaughan Morgan seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **6. Accounts payable manifest #14**

The Board reviewed accounts payable manifest #14. After the review, the following motion was made:

**Motion 4: Vaughan Morgan moved to approve accounts payable manifest #14, dated July 8, 2010, in the amount of \$172,471.33 as presented. Charles Cummings seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **7. Payroll manifest #14**

The Board reviewed payroll manifest #14, dated for July 8, 2010. After the review, the following motion was made:

**Motion 5: Vaughan Morgan moved to approve payroll manifest #14, dated July 8, 2010, in the amount of \$41,956.71 as presented. Charles Cummings seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

## MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 21<sup>st</sup>. There were no suggested changes made to the minutes and the following motion was made:

**Motion 6: Vaughan Morgan moved to approve the June 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as presented. John Penacho seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

## Other Business

1. Ms. Anderson informed the Board that she received a bill from Deborah Beck, in the amount of \$600.00, regarding the granite post that had been discussed this spring. The Board stated the repair had not been authorized and is in the right of way. No action was taken on this matter.
2. The Board reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditure reports for the first half of the year.
3. Ms. Anderson informed the Board of an election training to be held on August 17, 2010, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Mr. Penacho and Mr. Morgan stated they would let Ms. Anderson know if they would be available to attend.
4. The Board agreed to hold their next meeting on July 19, 2010.
5. The Board reviewed the Building Inspector's enforcement report. They asked Ms. Anderson to direct him to take action on the trailer on Winnicut Road. Mr. Sodini and Mr. Penacho stated they want him to go forward with the enforcement action. Mr. Morgan stated he would like to have Mr. Cushman come in to discuss the matter first. The Board agreed to invite Mr. Cushman in to their next meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> and asked that he bring his process of procedure with him for the discussion.
6. Mr. Sodini stated he looked at the review of the Chick property and the size of the recreation field. He noted he would like to walk the land and determine if it is appropriate to use for cemetery land. He stated he would be available to walk the land on Tuesday at 4:00 PM if any other Board members wanted to go as well. They asked that Mr. Cushman join them if he was available. Mr. Sodini asked that Ms. Anderson post a public notice of this walk.
7. Mr. Cummings asked to discuss a few concerns he has regarding the Transfer Station. He stated he is concerned with the fact that no employee at the Transfer Station has a lead role. He mentioned an incident he witnessed last week regarding a resident removing metals from the metal pile, which is not allowed. He noted it became apparent that no one had the lead and felt they should designate a supervisor attendant to deal with these kinds of issues. The Board agreed to continue this discussion at their next meeting.

Having no other business to discuss, the following motion was made:

**Motion 7: Mo Sodini moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. and Vaughan Morgan seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Transcribed and typed by:

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Attachments:

1. Property Valuation Advisors recommendation, re: R20, Lot 6A
2. Agenda, dated 7/5/10

Approved by the Greenland Board of Selectmen on July 19, 2010.