



*Approved on November 21, 2022*

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

### **Special Meeting**

*Groveland Town Hall*

*183 Main Street, Groveland, MA 01834*

This meeting was in-person and also broadcast live on Groveland Public Access, Channel 9, as well as through Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access.

**PRESENT:** Chair Ed Watson, Selectmen Daniel MacDonald, Mark Parenteau, Kathleen Kastrinelis  
Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 630 pm. Chair Watson welcomed new member Mark Parenteau to the BOS.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Caitlyn Guilfoil, 4 Canon Hill Rd. Ext. Special Education Coordinator at Bagnell School was present and addressed the Board and spoke about the failure to pass the override and what the result will be for the school. Caitlyn talked about students that are already struggling due to the pandemic. Selectman Kastrinelis responded and noted that there will also be town side cuts. Selectman MacDonald admitted that he advocated no for the override for several reasons; the budget that was presented included the addition of other additional positions unrelated to teachers such as administration and janitors; teachers should not be cut and there needs to be a dialogue and a compromise solution. Chair Watson suggested giving the same speech to the School Committee and ask them to take it out of administration rather than teachers.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES:**

- 1) April 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to accept the April 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Voted: 4-0-1. Selectman Parenteau abstained.

#### **APPOINTMENT:**

- Appointment of Lindsey Aylward of 140 King Street to the Library Board of Trustees though June 30, 2022.

TA Oldham explained this is due to a resignation in February.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to appoint Lindsey Aylward of 140 King Street to the Library Board of Trustees though June 30, 2022.  
Voted: 5-0.

#### **VOTES OF THE BOARD:**

- 2) Special Event Permit Application: Groveland Boy Scouts Troup 87 Recycling Fundraiser Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 8AM to 2PM at Perry Park.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to approve the Special Event Permit Application: Groveland Boy Scouts Troup 87 Recycling Fundraiser Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 8AM to 2PM at Perry Park. Voted: 5-0.

- 3) Field Use Permit Application: Hoysala Social Sports Club, Hardy Patel, Cricket League at 150 Center Street – 1 Year request.

Hardy Patel was present and addressed the Board. This is a renewal request to use Strawberry Field. Renny Carroll, Highway Superintendent joined via Zoom and stated he would like to see Hardy be a little more proactive about keeping the field clean. There was a dumpster there which cannot be there. Hardy apologized and noted there was an issue with the gate key which resulted in an issue with the dumpster not being emptied because the gate was locked. Going forward, Hardy will ensure there is no dumpster and will make there is no trash left after the game on Saturday and Sunday. Hardy asked to be able to keep the porta potty. Hardy would like to work with Renny to resolve the gate key issue. TA Oldham asked the Board to add conditions; no dumpster, no porta potty, cannot cut the locks and/or change the locks and also the town will charge a fee for the use of the field. Hardy was okay with the exception of the porta potty – he asked if this was possible to have this there. Renny recommended making sure the porta potty was locked up when not in use if the Board were to approve this. Selectman Kastrinelis suggested checking out the gate key at the police station and supported having a bathroom there.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to approve the Field Use Permit Application: Hoysala Social Sports Club, Hardy Patel, Cricket League at 150 Center Street – 1 Year request with the following conditions: a fee will be paid per the form, there be a locked porta potty, trash will be cleaned up and keys will be picked up returned to dispatch at the police station. Voted: 5-0.

#### **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:**

- 4) Review Draft Town Meeting Warrant:

TA Oldham mentioned the only changes have been to the Omnibus Budget due to the failure of the Override. The Town is \$105,000 short. Selectman MacDonald disagreed that the cause is the override but rather the result of additional positions that were added on the town side. Selectman Kastrinelis rebutted that remark and explained that as some positions were created, some were consolidated and/or eliminated; these town positions are critical, and departments are very lean; Selectman Kastrinelis did feel however there was a lot of money that was spent at the time when the town was without a Finance Director and in hindsight that could have been managed better. Selectman Naves reminded everyone about the increase to the School from the previous year because of the issue with the ESSR fund. Ruth Rivard, Finance Committee, was present and addressed the Board to discuss the budget and agreed that a lot of this year's problems stem from last year's budget. Selectman MacDonald suggested taking the \$105,000 out of stabilization. Chair Watson talked about the transportation cost and the number of busses that are not full; perhaps there is room for consolidation and money savings there. Selectman Kastrinelis asked if the Board wanted to draft a letter to bring to the School Committee. Selectman Kastrinelis talked about the loss of learning due to the pandemic and the extraordinary needs that students have as a result.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to approve the Omnibus Budget as recommended by the Finance Board and the Town Administrator. Voted: 4-1.

A motion was moved by Chair Watson and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to take up Article 14 of the Town Warrant for further discussion.

Selectman Kastrinelis suggested the Board support this on the Town Meeting floor. Selectman MacDonald would like to see slow and sustainable growth and didn't feel this would be a deal breaker for a business and worried adding families would add to the School budget. Selectman Naves noted that these one-bedroom accessory apartments would be small for a caretaker not for an entire family.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to approve Article 14 with the change that this be one-bedroom. Voted: 4-1.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to approve Article 15. Voted: 4-1.

5) Vote to post the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to post the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 5-0.

**SELECTMEN'S TIME & REPORTS:**

Selectman MacDonald would like to get more sports games on the public access channel. Suggested a committee to explore options on how to generate revenue at Strawberry Fields.

Selectman Parenteau agreed with Selectman MacDonald – the sewers are being done right now, it would be a good time to piggy back on that.

Selectman Kastrinelis – the Master Plan Committee will be meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> and that would be a good time to bring up Selectman MacDonald's suggestion. Would like to take a look at the overlay account to help reduce the tax rate.

Selectman Naves talked about which plastic items can be recycled. Chair Watson suggested getting BOH to do a public service announcement. Also, it is important for everyone to be aware and be involved with what is going on in town.

**OTHER ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Voted: 5-0.*

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:30PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Katherine T. Ingram*