

*Approved Minutes  
BOS meeting 6.22.2021  
Unanimous Vote*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 7, 2021  
Groveland Town Hall Meeting Room  
183 Main St, Groveland, MA 01834**

TOWN OF GROVELAND  
2021 JUL 15 AM 11:12

~~Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place. This meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place without any public present, but we will make every effort to ensure the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time.~~

This meeting was broadcast live on Groveland Public Access, Channel 9, as well as through Zoom.

Members of the public are asked to send written comments to [kworden@grovelandma.com](mailto:kworden@grovelandma.com) or submit questions through the Zoom chat window.

**Present:** Chair Ed Watson, Selectman Kathleen Kastrinelis, Jason Naves, Bill O'Neil, Dan MacDonald.  
Katheryn Worden, Administrative Coordinator

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.  
Chair Watson read the following:

- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22 (a) (3) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation to conduct collective bargaining sessions for the Highway Union Contract.
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22 (a) (3) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation to conduct collective bargaining sessions for the Water and Sewer Union Contract.
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22 (a) (3) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation to conduct collective bargaining sessions for the Police Department Union Contract.

The Board will reconvene in Open Session Meeting after Executive Session.

**ROLL CALL INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman MacDonald to enter Executive Session at 6:02 pm.

Roll call vote: Naves; yes, Kastrinelis; yes, O'Neil; yes, MacDonald; yes, Watson; yes.

The BOS returned to Open Session: No time was noted by the Chair.

**APPROVE WARRANTS:**

PW # 21-49                      \$172,205.60

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to approve warrant PW # 21-49 in the amount of \$172,205.60. Voted: 5-0-0.

BW # 21-49                      \$1,083,107.68

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to approve warrant BW # 21-49 in the amount of \$1,083,107.68. Voted: 5-0-0.

**21-49 Bills Warrant Breakdown:**

Town:	\$ 37,796.91
W/S:	\$ 10,235.55
Payroll Withholding:	\$ 33,631.21
Health Insurance:	\$
Light Bills:	\$ 65,283.02
Grants & Revolving:	\$ 15,305.50
Chapter 90:	\$
Pentucket Assessment:	\$ 920,855.49
Whittier Assessment:	\$
Capital:	\$
Debt:	\$
Grants:	\$
Wastewater Haverhill	\$

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Chair Watson asked for a moment of silence to remember long-time employee and volunteer Kermit Cross.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

- Approval of executive Session minutes of 4/26/2021  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Naves to table the Executive Session minutes of 4/26/2021 due to the late receipt of the meeting packet and no time to review the minutes. Voted: 3-2-0. Kastrinelis and MacDonald abstained.
- Approval of Board meeting minutes of 5/18/2021  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Naves to table the minutes of 5/18/2021 due to the late receipt of the meeting packet and no time to review the minutes. Voted: 5-0-0.

**DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:**

- Waste Management Contract:  
Selectman Kastrinelis reported the representative was not able to wait to speak tonight but reached out to the Board and would like to know this whether the BOS is accepting the original or the revised offer dated April 21<sup>st</sup>. This would be a 5-year contract and it has been suggested to go from 4 to 2 barrels beginning August or September 1<sup>st</sup>; offer an option for additional bag purchase, recycling would remain unlimited. This offer would be contingent on the Town of Groveland allowing Waste Management to make necessary routing changes to the current route schedule; this is what is causing the delay, there are too many houses on the route. Selectman MacDonald expressed concern with going from 4 to 2 barrels. There is no limit to putting trash out beyond the 2 barrels as long as they are in the appropriate bags that have been purchased.  
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to approve the revised contract for the trash pickup with Waste Management Contract dated April 21, 2021, it is a five-year contract as specified, that we are going to two barrels with a bag sale program which will be implemented September 1, 2021, with unlimited recycling. Voted: 5-0-0.  
The contract will be delivered to Katheryn and the BOS will need to stop by Town Hall to sign the contract.
- Highway Union Contract:  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to table the Highway Union Contract. Voted: 5-0-0.

- Water and Sewer Union Contract:  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to table the Water and Sewer Union Contract. Voted: 5-0-0.
- Police Department Union Contract:  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve the Police Department Union Contract per the negotiated agreement for a one-year period and ~~calls for a 2% increase and an increase in police detail from \$55.00/hour to \$60.00/hour, all other~~ items in the contract will remain the same through June 30, 2022. Voted: 5-0-0.
- Approval of the Pines for the Speedway reunion:  
No paperwork was received.  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to table the Approval of the Pines for the Speedway reunion. Voted: 5-0-0.
- Approval of Pavilion use for the Cub scouts  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to table the Approval of Pavilion use for the Cub scouts. Voted: 5-0-0.
- Discussion and Votes relative to the Community Trail Project  
Rebecca Oldham, Director of Economic Development was present and addressed the Board with Mike Dempsey. \$3 million will be funded through the State, final design, permitting and lease details with National Grid are being finalized according to Ms. Oldham.
  - Execute Order of Taking:  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis that the Board issue an Order of Taking for 441 Main Street and 233 School Street. Voted: 5-0-0.  
Kris Surette, Open Space and Trails Committee joined the meeting via Zoom, and he expressed his support on this project and emphasized the importance of the documents in front of the BOS tonight. Selectman MacDonald asked if there would be any additional costs associated with this. Ms. Oldham reported there would be an additional insurance cost.
  - Execute Right of Entry for Temporary Easement  
This abuts 441 Main Street, according to Rebecca Oldham.  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve the Execution of Right of Entry for Temporary Easement. Voted: 5-0-0.
  - Authorize Insurance  
Because there are three quotes, and one has not been finalized yet, Ms. Oldham recommended that the Town enter in an agreement to go with the lowest price carrier from this July to next July.  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to authorize Ms. Oldham to procure insurance for the rail trail with an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Voted: 5-0-0.
  - Execute Lease Agreement with National Grid:  
Town Counsel has been working with National Grid on this 99-year lease.  
A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to Execute the Lease Agreement with National Grid for the next 99 years. Voted: 5-0-0.
- Custodial coverage for the Pines over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend:  
Chair Watson noted there was no coverage at this point to clean the bathrooms. Both the custodian and the backup custodian will not be around. Selectman O'Neil was glad to help with this if someone shows him what to do. Selectman Naves offered to open the bathrooms and Selectman O'Neil agreed to clean and close them at night time.
- Approval of property use for a wedding at the Water Tower on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021:  
The request has been rescinded so no action needed.
- Discussion of Liquor License fees for Veasey Park:  
Mike Dempsey asked the Board to table this until the next meeting.

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to table the Discussion of Liquor License fees for Veasey Park. Voted: 4-0-1. Naves voted against.

- Approval of Liquor License for Linda Brodette on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, for a private event at Veasey Park. Veasey Park is paying the fee for this according to Mike Dempsey because they are not ready to discuss the \$50.00 fee for one day licenses. Veasey Park is only getting the rental fee which can range from \$200 - \$2,000 depending on what type of event is taking place. Selectman MacDonald asked why there was not a waiver rather than Veasey Park paying for this; only the BOS can approve a waiver.

Selectman O'Neil recalled the discussion to charge \$50.00 per one day license, which was done to make things more uniform and modernized. Mike Dempsey noted there is a proposal being worked on, but he was not prepared to discuss that tonight.

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve the Liquor License for Linda Brodette on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, for a private event at Veasey Park and to waive the Liquor License fee. Voted: 5-0-0.

- Approval of Liquor License for Erika & Eric Lundin on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for a private event at Veasey Park.

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve Liquor License for Erika & Eric Lundin on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for a private event at Veasey Park and waive the \$50.00 Liquor License fee. Voted: 5-0-0.

Selectman Naves reminded everyone that there was a third license for Patti and John Markins that was pending approval of the fee.

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve the Liquor License for the Markins and to waive the \$50.00 Liquor License fee. Voted: 5-0-0.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

- Hayden Flaherty of Haverhill MA to Part time seasonal Groundkeeper at the Cemetery effective 6/8/2021 for \$13.50 per hour up to 19 hours a week.

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Naves to appoint Hayden Flaherty of Haverhill MA to Part time seasonal Groundkeeper at the Cemetery effective 6/8/2021 for \$13.50 per hour up to 19 hours a week. Voted: 4-0-1. Kastrinelis recused herself.

- Mike Celani of Amesbury MA to Part time seasonal Groundkeeper at the Cemetery effective 6/8/2021 for \$13.50 per hour up to 19 hours a week.

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Naves to appoint Mike Celani of Amesbury MA to Part time seasonal Groundkeeper at the Cemetery effective 6/8/2021 for \$13.50 per hour up to 19 hours a week. Voted: 4-0-1. Kastrinelis recused herself.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Kastrinelis:** The Treasury Consultant is available to meet with the BOS on June 16<sup>th</sup>. There are upcoming items that will need to be handled by that person. This will be a Special Meeting; the Board agreed to meet at 5:00 pm. This will be the only Agenda item.

#### **SELECTMENS TIME:**

**Naves:** None.

**Kastrinelis:** Stated that she felt that Chair Watson treated her more abruptly than others on the Board and asked to be treated in a civil manner. She has received comments from members of the Board and the public regarding this.

**MacDonald:** Asked for a future agenda item regarding information on fees at the Pines. This will be added to the next agenda.

**O'Neil:** Is in further negotiations for use of the Pines for the camp. More details will follow. High School Building Committee is meeting tomorrow, and Recreation is meeting Thursday. Thanked

Selectman Naves for helping at the Pines on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Commended A. W. Chesterton Co. for offering a vaccine clinic and asked to invite them to a meeting and provide them with an award thanking them for this effort.

**Watson:** Spoke about a member of the BOS who he heard was working at Town Hall and asked that this be stopped.

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**ITEMS NOT ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME OF POSTING:**

Request for transfers:

Ellen Petrillo, Town Accountant joined the meeting via Zoom and reviewed the line item transfers. The transfers are mainly within departments. This needs BOS and Finance Department approval. Chair Watson felt the Finance Board should vote on this first. Selectman Kastrinelis felt it was appropriate for the BOS to approve this and then send it to the Finance Board. The BOS has until July 15<sup>th</sup> to approve this so they will discuss this at a future meeting.

Opening Town Hall:

The door says Town Hall is currently open by appointment only, masks necessary and will be fully open without restrictions on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be posted on the website and the board out front.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- National Grid notification of foliage treatments
- Senator Tarr's request of 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities
- Joe Damore Email and An Act Repealing the Dept of Finance & Budget

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. Voted: 5-0-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be **Tuesday, June 22, 2021.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Katherine T. Ingram*