



Approved March 27, 2023

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2023
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, Jason Naves, Mark Parenteau, Kathleen Kastrinelis
Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30PM – Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Written submissions for public comment must be made before the start of the meeting per the Board of Selectmen's Public Comment Policy amended November 13, 2017.*

- None.

APPROVE WARRANTS:

PW # 23-35 \$209,234.60

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve Warrant PW# 23-35 in the amount of \$209,234.60. Voted: 5-0.

BW# 23-35 \$1,619,599.94

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve Warrant BW# 23-35 in the amount of \$1,619,599.94. Voted: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- None.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE BOARD:

- None.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:

1. Approval of the Groveland Pentucket Youth Football League use of Utility Field #1 for the 2023 Season
2. Approval of the Groveland Pentucket Youth Football League use of Utility Field #2 for the 2023 Season

Scott Chicarello, Director of Field Operations, was present and addressed the Board and noted some issues with the condition of the fields last year. Chair Watson noted this should be addressed with the Highway Department.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to approve Groveland Pentucket Youth Football League use of Utility Field #1 and Utility Field #2 for the 2023 Season. Voted: 5-0.

3. Approval of the Groveland Youth Soccer use of Shanahan Field for the 2023 Season:
Ben Van Duyne, Groveland Youth Soccer joined the meeting virtually and requested approval for use of the field.
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to approve the Groveland Youth Soccer use of Shanahan Field for the 2023 Season from April 1, 2023, to July 8, 2023, and from August 26, 2023 – November 19, 2023 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm on all of the days . Voted: 5-0.
4. KP Law Whittier School Representation Form – Vote to Sign:
TA Oldham reviewed the explanation; this was discussed and tabled at the last meeting. Selectman MacDonald noted that he read the explanation and was satisfied with it. Selectman Kastrinelis recused herself.
A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to approve the signing of the KP Law Whittier School Representation Form. Voted: 4-0. Selectman Kastrinelis recused.
5. FY24 Community Preservation Warrant Articles:
Mike Dempsey was present and addressed the Board to review the eleven articles. Selectman Naves spoke in support of Community Preservation. Selectman MacDonald felt this was in poor taste; we have a budget problem in town and this money should not be spent on more bells and whistles; maybe it is time to reconsider having this CPA tax. Selectman Kastrinelis spoke in favor of Community Preservation – this is helping improve the town. Mike Dempsey noted that a vote regarding CPC has been brought before the voters three times and passed all three times.
 1. Skatepark at the Pines Recreation Area - \$ 450,000 – Recreation
A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to add the Skatepark at the Pines Recreation Area - \$450,000 to the Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 3-2. Selectman MacDonald and Selectman Watson voted against.
 2. Community Trail UTV - \$10,646 – Recreation
Police and Fire will use this vehicle to get out onto the Community Trail. A Mass Trails Grant is helping to pay for a portion of this.
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to add the Community Trail UTV - \$10,646 to the Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 5-0.
 3. Visioning & Feasibility Plan for Veasey Memorial Park - \$20,000 – History.
Proposes a future plan for Veasey Memorial Park. This will provide options for how to move forward.
Brian Lynch, Seven Star thought this was a good idea and long overdue, but encouraged the Board to put a hold on any additional spending until we know what the report comes back with.
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to add the Visioning & Feasibility Plan for Vesey Memorial Park - \$20,000 to the Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 4-1. Selectman MacDonald voted against.
 4. Washington Hall Paving and Hydroseeding - \$21,538 – History
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to add the Washington Hall Paving and Hydroseeding - \$21,538 to the Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 5-0.
 5. Riverview Cemetery Monument Restoration - \$32,000 – History
This will restore 119 monuments in the oldest historic section of the cemetery which date back to the 1800's.
Selectman Kastrinelis recused herself.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to add the Riverview Cemetery Monument Restoration - \$32,000 to the Town Meeting Warrant.

Voted: 4-0. Selectman Kastrinelis recused.

6. Rehabilitation of Lucile's Cottage Project Phase 2 - \$19,250 – History

Brian Lynch, Seven Star spoke and felt this should be part of the Feasibility Study.

Selectman MacDonald agreed. Diane Plantamura added that the building is in very poor shape. Selectman Naves spoke in favor of this because it allows the town to apply for other restoration grants but agreed this should be part of the Feasibility Study.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to table the Rehabilitation of Lucile's Cottage Project Phase 2 - \$19,250. Voted: 3-2.

Selectman MacDonald and Selectman Watson voted against.

7. Basketball Court Restoration & Reconstruction at Washington Park - \$44,395 – Recreation.

This will reconstruct the current basketball court at Washington Park. This will be a full basketball court. Renny Carroll explained the work that will take place.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to add the Basketball Court Restoration & Reconstruction at Washington Park - \$44,395 to the Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 5-0.

8. Planting, Maintaining, and preserving of Historic Trees – \$99,000 –History

This will help develop a maintenance plan for historic trees, encourage planting of more trees and enable us to become a Tree City USA.

Brian Lynch, Seven Star noted this was a lot of money to plant trees near a forest. Selectman MacDonald asked how you define a historic tree and why we should spend money to save a tree at the end of its life. Mike Dempsey encouraged the Board to pass this on to the Town Meeting voters and see if they care about the trees. Diane Plantamura noted that there are invasive plants that need to be addressed as well because they are killing the trees in some areas. The Board had questions and preferred to support Elm Park and remove Veasey Park.

A motion was moved by Selectman MacDonald and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to send this article back to CPA and have the review it. Voted: 5-0.

9. Splashpad at the Pines Recreation area – \$110,393 – Recreation.

This will enhance the Pines Recreation area. Selectman MacDonald felt too many people could go there that do not even live in town. Selectman Kastrinelis felt it was a little too late to decide who can use the park – the park is open to the public – we are trying to make our town more pleasant. Selectman Parenteau asked who would take care of this – Mike felt the revolving fund would help take care of this. Chair Watson asked if this was the right time to do this and asked about the water needed for this. Mike responded that the water does not constantly run, and it can be shut off during times of severe drought. Selectman Kastrinelis encouraged letting the voters at the Town Meeting decide on this.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to table the Splashpad at the Pines Recreation area – \$110,393 – Recreation. Voted: 2-3, motion failed. Selectmen MacDonald, Parenteau and Watson voted against.

Selectman Kastrinelis asked if this could be added to the Town Meeting Warrant via a Citizen Petition and was told yes it could.

10. Pines Tennis/Pickleball Court – \$154,110 – Recreation

This project will construct a tennis court/pickleball court at the Pines.

Selectman MacDonald left during this discussion.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to add the Pines Tennis/Pickleball Court - \$154,110 to the Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

11. Parking creation at Shanahan Fields – \$482,000 – Recreation

This project will create designated parking and provide a safer environment for recreational field users. Chair Watson felt we were not ready to vote on this yet and is not sure this is needed. Sarah McGrath, 427 Main Street (one of two abutters) joined the meeting virtually and spoke in favor of addressing the parking in this area – it is a problem and encouraged bringing this forward. Renny Carroll explained that if Town Meeting approved this – the project will be fluid – there may be changes and anything that does change will go to the BOS.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to add the parking creation at Shanahan Fields - \$482,000 to the Town Meeting Warrant.

Voted: 3-1. Chair Watson voted against. One absent.

6. FY24 Budget Discussion:

TA Oldham explained that the Finance Board is meeting on March 1st to review the last round of Departmental budgets. Once completed the Finance Board will then have a more detailed conversation and then put together a recommended budget for the BOS to review. The Cherry Sheet numbers have been released and are not ideal at this time although they have increased. The School Committee will vote on their budget on March 7th. They have requested the BOS and the Finance Committee attend the meeting. Selectman Kastrinelis shared information regarding the ESSR Fund issue (-\$255,000) that happened in FY22 budget; this has caused the Town to be behind in the budget according to Selectman Kastrinelis. Selectman Kastrinelis would like to take this to state representatives and ask for their help to look at the formula used. TA Oldham was happy to write a letter on behalf of the BOS, but reminded the Board that the issue was the use of one-time funds, which do not continue each year. Selectman Naves encouraged seeking an increase in Chapter 70 funding. TA Oldham agreed with Selectman Naves.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

- None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME:

TA Oldham reported: None.

SELECTMEN'S TIME & REPORTS: *Time to be used to make statements, propose future agenda items, or congratulate residents/teams on accomplishments; this time should not be used to initiate a discussion.*

Selectman Naves: was encouraged that the Governor submitted her proposed budget with an increase to the Circuit Breaker tax.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Selectman Kastrinelis: talked about the process of the TA evaluation.

OTHER ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING:

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Groveland FY2022 Reports from Powers and Sullivan, LLC.

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Ingram

23-35 BILLS WARRANT BREAKDOWN:

<i>Town:</i>	\$ 50,451.24
<i>W/S:</i>	\$ 53,646.53
<i>Payroll Withholding:</i>	\$ 36,084.33
<i>Health Insurance:</i>	\$
<i>Light Bills:</i>	\$ 362,363.48
<i>Grants & Revolving:</i>	\$ 84,414.44
<i>Chapter 90:</i>	\$
<i>Pentucket Assessment:</i>	\$ 1,032,639.92
<i>Essex Tech Assessment:</i>	\$
<i>Whittier Assessment:</i>	\$
<i>Capital:</i>	\$