



APPROVED DECEMBER 4, 2023

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2023

Groveland Town Hall

183 Main Street, Groveland, MA 01834

This meeting was in-person and also broadcast live on Groveland Government Access, Channel 8, as well as through Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access.

Present: Vice Chair Kathleen Kastrinelis, Chair Daniel MacDonald, Selectmen Jason Naves, Mark Parenteau, Edward Watson, Kathleen Kastrinelis
Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator

Absent: Chair Daniel MacDonald

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30PM – Vice-Chair Kastrinelis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and introduced the members of the Board as well as the Town Administrator.

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.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:

1. Sunset Circle Parking Restrictions and Complaint, *Steve Baker, 5 Sunset Circle:*
Renny Carroll, Highway Superintendent was present and addressed the Board.
The concerns are that the road is too narrow, and signage was installed. The Highway Superintendent and Police Chief looked at the road and agreed the road is too narrow. Parking is now restricted on one side. The Highway Superintendent now feels that the parking restriction should be on the opposite side; there is a very specific way that parking restrictions are put in place. The BOS previously voted to restrict parking on the Westerly Side.
Steve Baker, 5 Sunset Circle was present and addressed the Board. Signs are posted facing peoples windows; mailboxes and trash pickup are blocked as well as the electrical box.
Denise, 2 Sunset Circle was present and addressed the Board. The signs face the house, when pulling onto the street you cannot see them.
Marianne, 4 Sunset Circle agreed with Steve and Denise.
Selectman Parenteau asked if repositioning the signs would help.
Selectman Naves felt another Public Hearing would need to be held in order to correct this.
Selectman Kastrinelis would like to work out something that is mutually acceptable to the Town and the residents.
Renny Carroll explained that the signs should be tilted, and they are not but that can easily be rectified.
A motion was moved by Selectman Watson and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to hold another Public Hearing for Sunset Circle parking issues. Voted: 4-0. One absent.
2. Discussion on Water Quality Concerns with Superintendent Colin Stokes, *Selectman Watson:*
Colin Stokes, Water Superintendent was present and addressed the Board.
Selectman Watson explained that he was still getting complaints regarding the discolored water, prior to the flushing and it is not getting better. Superintendent Stokes responded that this will not be getting better on its own. The Water Department will be rolling out a new fee on the water

bill for Water Improvements; the goal is to do one main water upgrade each summer with this additional funding. Regulations are expected to change in the next couple of years; we are looking at potentially needing to have our own water treatment plant. There are about 2,000 water customers in town. The Department is always looking for grants. Not everyone has the same issues with the water. Complaints are logged. Filtration systems can help, but the homeowners are responsible for the cost.

3. Road Pavement Management Plan, *Selectman Kastrinelis*:

Selectman Kastrinelis noted this was reviewed at a previous BOS meeting and felt this should be voted and accepted by the BOS.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to approve the Road Pavement Management Plan, including the Cemetery that was presented by the Highway Department and the BOS will receive updates as they come up. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

4. Discussion of BOS Policies

Vice-Chair Kastrinelis noted some of the policies are outdated. The Board reviewed the policies and offered amendments. Selectman Watson suggested taking this under advisement and discussing this further when there is a full board in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

5. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2023.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2023. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

6. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2023.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2023. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE BOARD:

7. Accept the Resignation of Susan D'Angelo from the Cultural Council effective October 23, 2023. Selectman Naves thanked Susan for being on the Cultural Council for 10 years.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to accept the Resignation of Susan D'Angelo from the Cultural Council effective October 23, 2023. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

8. Appoint Larry Elardo, Mill Street of Groveland, to the Cultural Council for October 24, 2023, thru June 30, 2024.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to appoint Larry Elardo, Mill Street of Groveland, to the Cultural Council for October 24, 2023, thru June 30, 2024. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

TA Oldham reported: Groveland Municipal Light Dept. and the Town received a grant for electric charging stations in town, there will be three locations; 23 School Street in the Municipal lot, Pines Recreation area and Municipal Light Building on Salem Street. Shout out to Kevin Snow for making this happen. Thank you to all those that participated with Pumpkin Fest; it was very successful and there was more attendance this year than in prior years. The Whittier School project is coming down the pipeline; there is a public meeting with the Whittier School scheduled for November 18th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at

the Langley Adams Library; this will be added as a future agenda item and the Superintendent will be invited to a BOS meeting to do a presentation.

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.*

- None.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OTHER ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING:

TA Oldham noted there was a questions regarding residential yard sales. Right now the bylaw says the SB approve them, but this is very inconvenient since the BOS only meets every other week. This will be on the next agenda to review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invitation from Pentucket Regional School District for the meeting on November 7th State of the District Regional School Agreement Meeting.
- The final letter that was assembled by the Massachusetts Association of Select Boards that was submitted to the Lt. Governor and the Governor, our comments are included in some capacity.
- American Legion notification regarding the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:30 am at the Fire Station.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Parenteau to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Voted: 4-0. One absent.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Ingram