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GRANBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
KELLOGG HALL, ROOM 1
MEETING MINUTES OF
November 1, 2010

Members Present:

Mary McDowell, Wayne Tack Sr., Mark Bail

Wayne Tack, Sr., chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Wayne Tack, Sr., led the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizen participation.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Senior Tax Work –Off Program-Update-continued to next Selectboard agenda on November 15th

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve June 2, & 29, 2010 regular session minutes as read.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Wayne Tack Sr. the Board voted to approve July 19th, 2010 regular session minutes as read. Mark Bail abstained from voting, as he was not at meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to accept the departmental reports as written.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the maintenance warrants.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve and sign (Wayne H Tack, Sr as chair) Grant Award-# 2010CKWX0702-Secure our Schools-applied for by Officer James White to replace the telephone system in East Meadow School in the amount of \$14,910.00.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve and sign (Wayne H Tack, Sr as chair) the PVPC- Community Development Block Grant FY2011- (Quabbin Reservoir Region-Belchertown, Granby and Hadley) pulling resources together to be eligible for more money.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve and sign the Highway Superintendent contract for David Desrosiers beginning March 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.

REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Petition Papers: Chris updated the Board on the petition papers that they received at their November 20th meeting (“*Contingent upon a favorable outcome on Question 4 at the November 2nd State Elections, we the citizens of Granby request that the Selectboard approve another Town Meeting to address the warrant article that was presented at our October 18, 2010 Special Town Meeting*”). They were turned over to the Town Clerk and she certified 219 signatures, which qualifies it per our town bylaw (200 certified signatures) to have the Select Board call a Special Town Meeting. The Board needs to give the Town Clerk 35-days notice. Mr. Martin spoke with Kathy Kelly-Regan and talked about having a meeting on either Saturday December 11th or Monday December 13th. After some discussion, on a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to give permission to Christopher Martin to attempt to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Saturday December 11th starting 9:00 am at the Granby High School Gymnasium if/when Question #4 passes and the school is available.

Letter from USDA/Rural Development dated 10/26/10- concerning their Waste and Water Program-FY2010 monies have been depleted and they would like to know if we are still interested in obtaining finances for FY2011, if so they will carry-over our application to FY2011 funding. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to have Mr. Martin send a letter to USDA/Rural Development stating that the Town of Granby is still interested in keeping our application in for FY2011 funding process.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve note #425 for the purpose of Departmental Equipment with Peoples United Bank in the amount of One Hundred-Thirty Thousand Dollars with an annual interest rate of 1.1 % payable at maturity. Loan issue date is November 12, 2010 and the date due is November 10, 2011.

Dennis Setzko, project manager for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Program being conducted by AECOM gave the Board an update on the project. He handed out a written progress report to the Board (in back of the minutes) and went over that handout. They edited the “Rating Criteria Matrix” to incorporate comments from DEP. They met with the Planning Board and the New Ludlow Road Sewer Review Committee to discuss a Sewer District and he is planning on meeting with all of them again in the near future. They are hoping to schedule a public meeting soon. They will be back in front of the Board in about 4 weeks for another update.

Kenneth Elstein from Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) spoke to the Board concerning Municipal Aggregation of Electricity. He was in front of the Board to start talking to each of the towns that already buy electricity from HCOG for their municipal building as they are hoping to expand service to include residential customers and small business. Mr. Elstein told the Board that each community would need to sign an agreement with the HCOG to have an extension of providing electricity to residential

customers if the HCOG becomes the supplier. He explained that they would be the supplier of the electricity, but National Grid would still own the poles and do all the repairs. They are hoping to start in 2011 with supplying to some towns. Christopher Martin, Town Administrator will be the liaison from the Town of Granby for any updates with the HCOG on this project.

Terry Lajoie member of the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee spoke to the Board about concerns that the Selectboard had about the dog advocates using the park without going thru the proper channels. Ms. Lajoie said she did not know anything about this event and will talk to the other members of the Committee. Mr. Bail said that he spoke to a member of the dog advocates concerning the event and was satisfied that they would go thru the proper channels for any future events. Wenda Luff another member of the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee told the Board that the dog advocates gave her a new drawing of expanding the current dog area rather than moving it, she will bring it to the next meeting with the Conservation Commission and will give a copy of the plans to Christopher Martin.

The Landfill discussion was brought forward to this meeting after Mary McDowell spent a day at the landfill and she had some concerns about the abuse there. She then spoke with Tom Murray from Waste Management and after her meeting with him she asked that he come to a Select Board meeting. She also asked Officer White who had some concerns about the landfill a few months back and Acting Police Chief Wishart as the Police Dept. should have a good working relationship with the transfer station operators, to attend the meeting. The Landfill Oversight Committee and Board of Health were also invited, but unable to attend. The primary purpose that Mary McDowell wanted this discussion to take place was to revisit the idea of a Landfill Monitor for the remaining years of the operation. Mary watched for two and one half hours at the Landfill on a previous Saturday and saw countless cars without stickers and several trucks filled without stickers. Included in the discuss was:

1. What is the normal tonnage for an operation like Granby's compared to other towns like Barre, and Westminster who have landfill operations comparable to Granby's? Granby's tonnage is more than either of the other operations, according to data from Waste Management. Granby is generating over 1500+ tons a year over the .32 tons per person figure used by DEP. A town our size according to those calculations should be around 2,000 tons per year instead of 3,757 tons calculated in 2009. It was noted that this abuse would also cost our citizens much more when it comes time to switch to a possible town wide pickup system. Companies' use the actual tonnage figures in calculating costs involved with this service.
2. It was indicated that our contract with Waste Management expired in July 2010 as noted by Mr. Murray that evening. Board members were unaware that the contract expired with no renegotiation in place. Recycling payments were part of that contract and as a result of non-renewal Waste Management does not have to make recycling payments.
3. Mary McDowell explained that a Landfill Monitor would serve multiple purposes: He/she could monitor all trash entering the Landfill by LEGAL holders of landfill permits; this in turn would reduce the amount of abuse and increase the

life expectancy and the amount of revenue generated by our tipping fee. A monitor would also begin to train our residents for future methods of dealing with our town trash issues once the landfill closes. The cost of the Monitor could be borne by increasing the landfill permit costs, charging for large items like all other landfills that were spoken about, and possibly decreasing the number of hours that the landfill is open. Discussion took place about whether the BOS could increase fees and the answer was yes. Waste Management agreed to build the monitor station (shack) for the town of Granby.

4. How to cut that abuse:
 - A. Ask that the Police Department be more involved, where they can swing in when time permitted and ask to see if the permits matched the registrations of random cars/trucks bringing in trash.
 - B. Changing to renewing stickers all at one time so all stickers expire at the exact same time and all stickers the same color easier to tell who is current.
 - C. Hours of Operation- make it less hours- gradually down to two days a week.
 - D. Pay as you throw program. Buy Bags with the Town of Granby symbol. Charge for all large items. You could also track residents who bring in large items to the landfill. Have permits to allow bringing in an item, if you don't have a permit than you can't bring the item in (one town has them register with the Highway Dept. and they give them permit). Mr. Bombardier, BOH told Chris Martin would rather see a turnpike transponder like monitoring system.

Other areas of discussion were as follows:

- 1.) Mr. Murray told the Board that Town of Granby's landfill is about 2-2-1/2 years away from closing.
- 2.) Does the Select Board wish to do curb side vs. transfer station or offer both when the landfill closes? Waste Management will work with the Town to decide what is the best situation for the Town.

The Board asked that Chris Martin look into how other towns run their operation which includes monitor salary, monitor job description, and costs associated with disposal of large items at landfills and transfer stations. He will report back to the board.

REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

District II Update- Chris Martin will invite Fire Chief Anderson to the Board's next meeting so that may respond to the District II's letter.

*Gravel Permit Update-*Board members received summons-Mary will bring hers in to have Chris Martin look at it.

*DOE Grant-Green Communities-*We have 100 hrs for a Green Communities Grant for technical assistance. Mary McDowell asked when will this start, and who will be working with PVPC. The Board was also reminded that an Energy Committee must be established and Mary McDowell suggested that members bring names to the next meeting.

*John Wilks Status-*Chris will call his Probation Officer for an update.

Cleaning Contract Update- Going 95% will and some issues but they have been taken care of.

COA Building Policy Update- Chris is setting up a date to meet with the Council on Aging Director and member/members of the Council on Aging Council to establish a policy to bring to the Selectboard.

Aldrich Hall Deed Update- Give the deed to Town Council to get a ruling on whether the Town can sell/lease it for other than a municipal uses or demolish it.

Use of parking lot: Natalie Archambault was given permission by the Board to use the back parking lot behind Kellogg Hall on December 11th from 9 am- 3 pm for a fundraiser to support her trip as People to People Student Ambassador-A truck will be in the parking lot to collect recycling items.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow at East Meadow School from 7 Am-8 Pm, again please vote.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting @ 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary