



# TOWN OF GRANBY

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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

Granby Select Board: Mark L. Bail, Chair  
Mary A. McDowell  
Louis Barry

Board Meeting: August 1, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.

## **AGENDA:**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

### **OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:**

Landfill: Approve procedure for landfill violations  
Police Dept-Leave of Absence Issue

### **APPROVE MINUTES: August 1, 2011**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:15 Landfill Closure Ad-Hoc Committee

### **NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:**

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrants
- 3 Approve Sewer Connection
- 4 Affirm Appointments-Granby Financial Team

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**



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### **Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2011**

Members Present:

Mark Bail, Louis Barry, Mary McDowell, and Town Administrator, Christopher Martin

Mr. Bail, chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION**

*Approve procedure for landfill violations:* Mr. Martin presented the written procedure and form that he and the Chief of Police went over. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, it was unanimously voted to accept the landfill incident procedure and form with the amendment of an additional line for physical description. Chris will then send it out to Waste Management.

*Police Dept-Leave of Absence Issue:* Moved to the next Select Board meeting more information needed.

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, it was unanimously voted to accept the July 18, 2011 minutes as written.

### **REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Martin attended a meeting in Northampton for the Health District Incentive Grant, he thought they would be making a decision on the grant that is to be submitted for Public Health. It is still in the editing stage, but has been finalized since the meeting. They had four models that they were looking at 1. To create a District that we would be members

of and pay an assessment like we do with the Veteran's District now. 2- Two different kinds of an umbrella style: They would oversee the grant itself, but local control would be retained by the local Board of Health. And then a fee type of basis, if you needed a service of theirs they would charge you so much an hour. They have not decided on which way they will go. Mr. Martin thought the best way to go was the umbrella type with HCOG at the helm.

As the result of receiving our Green Communities designation we have to fill out a grant application and Mr. Martin has gotten in touch with Marcos from PVPC. He also sent a letter to the Director of PVPC Tim Brennan requesting up to an additional 22 hours of technical assistance to prepare the grant and the request was approved. The grant is due on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Martin received a letter from the Mass Municipal Personnel Association they have a new compensation system-web based and are doing a survey which Mr. Martin has started and will have filled out by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Martin will be attending three (3) seminars 1: Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lee, MA put on by Noone Energy, discussing wholesale market pricing and to develop energy strategies. 2: Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> Virginia Snopek asked him to attend the MBLC information meeting with her in Foxboro, MA, 3: Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> he will be attending a Healthcare reform seminar in Milford, MA.

As a result of meeting that Mr. Martin and Mary McDowell had with Tom Murray of Waste Management, additional information on commercial dumping at the landfill has been uncovered. Prior to making any decision the Board has asked Mr. Martin to get in touch with Atty. Georgiou.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

The Ad-Hoc Landfill Committee presented the following to the Select Board, with James Hartley as the presenter; Richard Bombardier and Lisabeth Pare were also in attendance:

*Charge 1: Investigate and recommend options for decreasing the estimated \$217,000 subsidy now projected to be spent on waste disposal in the next year.*

*Proposal to Select Board on method to reduce town subsidy of landfill for FY 2011-2012.*

1. The price of a residential landfill permit should be raised to \$144/year (\$12/month) effective September 1. Each permit holder would be allowed up to two stickers. The stickers can be issued for a passenger vehicle registered in the town of Granby. Commercial vehicles (e.g. box trucks) are not eligible for landfill stickers.
2. Commercial waste disposal should be prohibited at the landfill.

3. The surcharges for oversized and items requiring special disposal should be eliminated. The landfill sticker will permit unlimited legal disposal of trash generated in the town of Granby.
4. These proposals will be in effect until December 2012. After that date, the procedure will need to be changed to reflect the change in the status of the current landfill. Before June 2012, the Ad-Hoc Committee plans to make a proposal to the Select Board regarding waste removal after December 2012.

Mr. Hartley said that every month that we don't put this in affect it will cost the town \$17,000. The Committee felt that this was the best solution for right now. Mr. Bombardier said he did not agree with the plan at first but after the discussion between the Committee members he felt it was the best solution for the first charge.

The Board took everything under advisement and thanked the Committee for giving them their proposal. They will all look at it and come to the next meeting to discuss it more and make an informed decision.

### **NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION**

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, it was unanimously voted to accept the departmental reports as written, with a comment that they are excellent and very informative.

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

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application # 11-187 for Pride Limited Partnership to construct a sewer hook-up at the corner of West State Street and Pleasant Street (Commercial Building –CVS).

Mr. Martin told the Board that he would like the Granby Financial Team to consist of the following:

- Chair of the Board of Assessors
- Town Collector
- Town Accountant
- Treasurer
- Town Administrator

He still needs to talk to one person about being on the team; the team would always consist of the people who hold those positions. They would work on the Town of Granby's Accounting Manual, Investment Policies, GASB-Assign all of our fund balances-need a policy. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously affirmed the following appointments:

- Chair of the Board of Assessors— To be named
- Town Collector--- Karen Stellato

Town Accountant  
Treasurer  
Town Administrator

Kathy LaBeau  
Stephen Nally  
Christopher Martin

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mark Bail the Board voted to allow (this is a case by case decision) for Dickinson Farms to use their white box truck to dispose of their trash at the Granby Landfill. Mary McDowell –nay, Louis Barry- yes, and Mark Bail- yes.

The Board asked Mr. Martin to order the Big Belly trash compacter for trash only and after we have received it the Board will make a recommendation on where it should be placed.

Mr. Barry asked the following:

- 1. If a meeting with the town and the District 2 residents has been set up?*
- 2. Jake brake sign, has it been ordered?*
- 3. If the contract for the Police Union has been returned?*

Mary McDowell asked the following:

- 4. If there is any update on the elevator for the COA building?*
- 5. Question concerning the Housing Authority and permit for sewer connection?*
- 6. Email from Susan Bruffee*

Mr. Martin said:

- 1. It has not, but he is looking for September.*
- 2. He will check with David Desrosiers*
- 3. It is still in their hands. He is also working with Chief Anderson and Chief Wishart's on their contracts.*
- 4. None at this time.*
- 5. It could have fallen through the cracks while Mr. Demers was out. He will check.*
- 6. He sent her email to our lawyer asking him to send us a copy of the document.  
(Mary asked that he email her back).*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 8: 50PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Leonard  
Town Administrator's Secretary