



TOWN OF GRANBY

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Board Meeting: September 6, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

Landfill Ad-Hoc Proposal

APPROVE MINUTES: August 15, 2011

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

7:30 Granby Energy Committee

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrants
- 3 Approve Amended License for above ground tanks for Lane Construction
- 4 Approve and Sign updated MOU for Valley Vision- PVPC
- 5 Approve and Sign Renewal of Gravel Permit
- 6 Approve and Sign Proclamation for Hunger Action Month
- 7 Russ Anderson-District # 2 Discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

REGULAR SESSION
September 6, 2011

Members Present: Mark Bail, Mary McDowell and Louis Barry

Others Present: Christopher Martin

Chairman Bail called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Bail led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Bail announced there was no citizen participation.

Chief Anderson came before the Board to discuss some issues that have occurred while revamping the section of Town that also belongs to District II. The first issue regards the preparation and update of the Town's Service Zone Plan. The Board of Selectmen has to sign off on how ambulance services are delivered to the Town. The plan indicates response time, crew makeup, what, where, how the police department and fire department responds and any other entity response. The Town's draft plan was submitted prior to District II having ambulance service. They plan to include the section of Town that is part of the District in their plan. The State has stated that no one can operate in the Town without the Board's approval. The Town's Service Zone Plan has jurisdiction over that area. The Board must decide if District II or the Town will provide the service. On the fire side, the Mass. Fire Service attorneys have stated that there can only be one delegation of authority over an area regarding investigations, inspections and liability. It needs to be decided who will have responsibility.

District II is geographically closer and has a three-minute response time. The Town has a day ten-minute response time and a night twenty-minute response time. However, the police are first responders so the response time can be three to five minutes depending on their location. Also, the Town provides an Advanced Life Support (ALS) level of service. Dr. Conway, who is medical control, feels that the area is entitled to an ALS level service as they are part of the Town and other areas receive this level of service. The District feels that that area of Town is entitled to their level of service Basic Life Support (BLS) due to their response time. The two towns need to get together and negotiate the response issue. According to Dr. Conway, he feels the new emergency dispatch laws require the Town decide if an ALS or BLS level is need prior to dispatching the ambulance. For that area, procedures will need to be negotiated to accomplish this requirement. Mr. Barry spoke of the emergency response zone establishment as part of E911. The Town was split up into zones for response. Currently, there is a dual response to that area. The State feels that the unit with the ability to respond quicker should get the call. The issue is the Town does not know if District II is available, as we do not dispatch them.

The Board discussed the various issues and the scheduling of an upcoming meeting to solve the District II issue for that section of Town. The Board asked Chief Anderson to put something together regarding this so they can make a decision.

The members of the Granby Energy Committee, Erica Bischoff-White, Arthur Krulewicz and Peggy Jedziniak, came before the Board. They had met two weeks ago and had questions the Board needed to answer. They had questions regarding what is expected of them, what are the rules they are to follow and what type of budget do they have. Due to the deadline to get this year's grant in, there was not enough time to run the proposed projects before the committee. A preliminary audit was performed that identified various areas to reduce the Town's energy consumption. An energy reduction plan was developed as part of the Green Community designation process. Mr. Martin will e-mail the members the audit and energy reduction plan. The energy reduction plan was the basis on how to spend this and future grant funds to reduce the Town's energy consumption by 20% by 2015. Many of the projects identified will require a capital outlay on the part of the Town. Each year the Town can apply for Green Communities grant funds. The committee will prioritize the current list projects or can identify other areas for submission. Mr. Barry asked if an application was submitted for this year. Mr. Martin replied the Town did submit an application. Ms. McDowell asked what was included. Mr. Martin replied there were three projects submitted; a solar hot water heater for the public safety complex to supply hot water for the radiant system in the Fire Department bay floor, West Street School boiler replacement, High school boiler replacement and funds for a consultant to write the specifications. If awarded, the committee can take over the grant funds and will identify projects for future grant applications. Ms. McDowell stated the committee could go beyond the scope of the grant by looking at hydroelectric power at Aldrich Dam and post closure landfill use. The Board and the committee then discussed various other energy saving projects the committee could research and put forward.

On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to accept the departmental reports as read.

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

The Lane Construction Corporation located at 17 New Ludlow Road applied for an amended license for above ground storage tanks. They are proposing five tanks; a 10,000 gal. no. 2 fuel tank, a 15,000 gal. spec used oil fuel tank, a 20,000 gal. liquid asphalt tank, a 500 gal. ultra low sulfur diesel tank and a 275 gal. mineral spirits tank. They originally had a 10,000 gal. no. 2 fuel tank, a 2,000 gal. gasoline tank, a 2,000 gal. diesel tank and a 15,000 gal. specification used oil fuel tank. The Fire Chief has already signed off on the application and the Board must approve it. On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to approve the amended above ground storage tank permit for Lane Construction.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has submitted a memorandum of agreement for an updated valley vision plan to the Board for approval. This plan asks the Town's Planning Board to look at its master plan and zoning regulations so see if they are consistent with this plan. The plan was created in anticipation of state Zoning Reform legislation and to assist communities in securing anticipated benefits of compliance with it. On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the memorandum of agreement (MOU) for Valley Vision with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Board has received two gravel permits; one from Leon Chartier, as owner of the pit and Gregg Orlen, as operator of the pit. The Conservation Commission has signed off both permits. Ms. McDowell had an issue with the permits as not all of the application check off boxes had been filled in as to application completeness. Prior to approving the permits, the Conservation Commission will be contacted to see if all of the required documents have been submitted. If they have, the boxes will be checked and then addressed by the Board.

The Board received a request from the Food Bank of Western Mass. Asking the Board to proclaim September as Hunger Action Month. Ms. McDowell read the proclamation into the record that Chairman Bail then signed. Ms. McDowell also mentioned the need of the local food pantry at the Council On Aging.

The Board next discussed the Landfill Ad-Hoc Committee proposal. The Board discussed the proposed \$144 annual permit fee and the ability of some residents being able to pay this one time fee at renewal time. The Board agreed that the fee needs to be increased but also discussed implementation of a pay-as-you-throw program. The Board discussed various processes that would be necessary too implement such a program. The Board will address this again at its next meeting.

The Board addressed a letter from Alicia Murphy regarding a permit for their truck. Ms. McDowell had a concern if it was a box truck. After discussing the issue, on a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to issue a permit at the commercial rate.

The Board addressed a letter from David and Judy LaPlante regarding placement of the sticker. The Town has a letter from the Registry indicating that the placement was not illegal.

The Board addressed a letter from Carol Frenette regarding the permanent placement of her permit. The Board decided that Ms. Frenette would need to temporarily affix the permit in the proper location when using the landfill.

The Board addressed a letter from Jon and Judi Rodgers regarding an incident at Dickinson Farm. The Board felt it did not have jurisdiction over the incident and if they wished to pursue the matter with the Mass Office on Disability.

Ms. McDowell asked about the Allpower incident. Allpower was allowed to have BFI, who picks up their dumpster, dump at the landfill at no charge. In light of the directive from the Board, Waste Management no longer is allowing the acceptance of any commercial waste at no charge.

Ms. McDowell asked about the Planning Board letter to Don Demers. The letter was reminding Mr. Demers not to issue a building permit to CVS until all conditions of the Site Plan approval have been met.

Ms. McDowell referred to the recent MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) payment. This payment was larger than the last payment indicating more material was being recycled.

The Board addressed a letter from Gordon Landry. He feels the non-licensing citations should be delivered by the dog officer. The Town has used constables for the delivering of the citations. The Board discussed the process of issuing the citations and the possibility of increasing fees in relation to this citation.

The Board set their office hours for Saturday September 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. McDowell asked about the “Rambo” incident. It had been reported to the police department that Rambo was loose. The dog officer was notified. Mr. Landry stated that, when he went to the address, he was told the dog was no longer at the address.

Ms. McDowell asked about the Special Town Meeting. The town meeting is scheduled for Monday October 24th. It will be a one-article meeting. The date has been verified with the school and Library Building Committee. Ms. McDowell asked if, in light of the Finance Committee mentioning they will amend the motion at the meeting, someone from the Board should approach the School Committee to get their support of the library-funding source. The Board discussed the issue. On a motion by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mr. Bail, it was voted to have Mary McDowell approach the School Committee and get their feelings on the funding source for the library. Barry-aye, McDowell-aye, Bail-nay.

Mr. Martin mentioned that a letter was received from FMJ Realty about the Town’s interest in purchasing some property from Partyka. The land in question is the land where the proposed houses were to be built. Mr. Martin will forward the letter to the Conservation Commission for their input. He will also call Mr. Egan from FMJ to indicate the Town is interested but is waiting for Conservation Commission comment prior to proceeding.

Mr. Martin informed the Board regarding the meeting he, Ms. McDowell and Attorney Giogio had with Waste Management officials. The Town raised issues regarding the two routes that are being added to the Town’s monthly waste total. Waste Management officials said they would research the issue. They also indicated that the two routes only add on about one-half ton per month. The Town asked for a letter indicating how long

this had been occurring and their calculations for the one-half ton amount. It will be decided on how to proceed after receiving the letter.

Ms. McDowell asked if there was 100% sign on for the water main project and who would be responsible for maintenance of the line. Mr. Martin did not know if there was 100% sign on and stated that South Hadley Water District I would be responsible for maintenance once installed.

Mr. Barry asked about the Morgan Street property owned by Waste Management. Mr. Martin will contact Mr. Magnusson regarding the property.

On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Martin
Town Administrator