



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: March 5, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM HARDSHIP POLICY

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

6:35 John Giorgio

7:00 Personnel Board

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve 2012 Common Victuraller's Licenses
- 4 Approve Note # 432-1
- 5 Affirm Appointments to the Open Space Plan Committee-(LB-BS-JB)
- 6 Affirm East Meadow School Roof Committee Members
- 7 Review Select Board Policy #09-01

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2012

Members Present:

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

Mr. Bail, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve as written the Selectboard meeting regular session minutes of February 21st, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM HARDSHIP POLICY: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, it was unanimously voted to accept Town of Granby Waste Reduction Program Hardship Policy with changes made at the Select Board's meeting on February 21st, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

John Giorgio: Attorney John Giorgio, Kopelman & Paige, was present to discuss the landfill issue and South Hadley District 2 issue.

Fire District II:

Attorney Giorgio next reviewed the options available to the Town in addressing the South Hadley District 2 (District) issue. Attorney Giorgio first addressed the request of drawing up a petition to have the section of Granby excluded from the District. In reviewing M.G.L. Chapter 48 Section 79, the District would not be able to grant the

exclusion as Granby cannot offer a service that is better than the service the District offers. He advised the Board not to pursue this avenue.

The Town has three other options available to it: petition the Department of Revenue (DOR) for an additional exemption category; negotiate an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) or file a Home Rule petition with the legislature.

Based on his experience, Attorney Giorgio does not think that DOR will grant an additional exemption category. Also, he stated that the Town sets a general tax rate and should not be granting exemptions for individual services in the Town as that would create issues with other residents wanting an exemption for services they did not use.

Attorney Giorgio next addressed the IMA option. Under this option, the Town would negotiate an agreement with the District Prudential Committee. The agreement would state exactly what services (i.e. fire, ambulance, inspectional, permitting, and investigative) that either the Town or District would provide. The idea behind this is that each governmental unit would budget according to the services allowed and therefore eliminate overlapping or duplication of the same service.

The last option is to draft and file a home rule petition with the legislature. Basically, this is legislation being submitted by the Town for adoption by the State legislature. In the petition, the Town would specifically outline exactly how they wanted to address the issue from excluding Granby from the District to specifically stating how each and every service is provided and by which entity.

After discussing the various options available, the Board decided to have Chief Anderson and Mr. Martin develop a draft IMA for review by Attorney Giorgio and then submission to the Board for consideration and subsequent submission to South Hadley District 2 for discussion.

Landfill: Attorney Giorgio reviewed the proposed amendment to the landfill contract that he had originally received regarding the settlement for the disposal of non-Granby generated commercial waste deposited and charged to Granby. The amendment also addressed the issue of charging and payment of tipping fees due Waste Management on a monthly basis. Mr. Martin stated and distributed a new agreement that he had received from Tom Murray late this afternoon. As the agreement was received so late and no one had the time to properly evaluate it, it was decided by the Board to have Attorney Giorgio, Mr. Martin and Ms. McDowell review the document, negotiate changes, if necessary and bring the final document back before the Board for final consideration.

Personnel Board:

Mr. Martin Merrill, Mr. Dennis LaFleur and Mr. Al Bail were present to discuss the Personnel Board issue. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. James Sowell had indicated that he had resigned from the Board and that Mr. Fabricius indicated he would be resigning. Mr. Bail indicated that in reviewing the Personnel Bylaw that he cannot determine the mission of the Board and would like some guidance from the Selectboard. Mr. Merrill stated that when the Board was originally created, they were to be the advocates for Town employees who did not belong to a collective bargaining unit. It was their role to ensure that those employees' pays and benefits kept concurrent with the union employees. Mr. LaFleur then stated what the Board did under his chairmanship. They concentrated on the development of an employee handbook and a standardized evaluation

tool to be used twice a year. The role of the Personnel Board was discussed and how to address the need for members. For the interim, it was decided to have the Selectboard members be appointed to the Personnel Board.

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Accept Departmental Reports: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously accepted the departmental warrants as read.

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

Approve 2012 Common Victuraller's Licenses: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve the following Common Victuraller's licenses for 2012, to expire December 31, 2012:

12-26 Union Mart 362 East State Street

Note # 432-1: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve Note # 432-1 in the amount of \$236,000.00 from Easthampton Savings Bank with an interest rate of 1.00% due on February 22nd, 2013.

Note # 433-1: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve Note #433-1 in the amount of \$64,920.00 from United Bank with an interest rate of 0.60% due on March 15th 2013.

Affirm Appointments to the Open Space Plan Committee: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board voted to affirm the following residents to the Open Space Committee for a term ending June 30, 2012:

Louis Barry	Pro-Tem Chair	Harris Street
Jessica Boardway	Rep. from Recreation Commission	Batchelor Street
William Shaheen	Rep. from Conservation Commission	South Street

Mary McDowell, Aye Louis Barry, abstained from voting Mark Bail, Aye

The Town Administrator gave the following charge to the Committee:

- Review current open space plan.
- Update current plan as necessary.
- Present new plan to Selectboard within 90 days.

Affirm East Meadow School Roof Committee Members: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to affirm the following residents to the East Meadow School Roof Committee:

Charles Maheu	Batchelor Street
Kenneth Scully	West Street

Review Select Board Policy #09-01: Moved to March 31, 2012 (office hours). Cathy will put the next small policy on the Board's March 19th agenda.

REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Before Mr. Merrill left Mr. Martin asked him to talk to the Board about the letter he received that day from the Hampshire Council of Governments asking for monies from all the towns who belong to the HCOG towards the restoration of the building that they resides in HCOG.

Unfinished Business:

- *Move Aldrich Hall Staff to Council On Aging* – Mr. Martin spoke with the Building Inspector and they reviewed plans and have forwarded the Building Inspector’s concerns to Elevator Company for response.
- *Landfill Proposals* – Mr. Martin has phoned to companies and is waiting for a call back to arrange for one of them to do a proposal for the Board’s March 19th meeting.
- *Partyka Forge Pond Property* – Currently reviewing draft purchase & sale agreement. Presented to Capital Improvement Committee and John Libera, Chair of the Finance Committee who are all in favor of the purchase.
- *South Hadley Fire District II Issue-* Atty. Giorgio was on the agenda early in the meeting.
- *IT Services* – Mr. Martin and Mr. Barry met with Whalley Computer Services (State Bid list) last week and is waiting to schedule a time when they can send a IT person out to look at our operation to write up a proposal.
- *Master Plan* –No response from Mr. Emre Evren from the letter that was sent to him from the Select Board office. Mr. Barry will talk to him in person.
- *Personnel Board:* Met with the Board earlier in the meeting.
- *Landfill Hardship* – Approved earlier in the meeting
- *Vet Recognition Procedure* – Still in process
- *Leave absence policy-* Still in process with Chief of Police
- *South District 1 Letter:* Still in process-working on the wording
- *Open Space Plan:* Appointments affirmed earlier in meeting

Mary McDowell:

Landfill Monitors: Issues with monitors leaving/not being there on their appointed time slots and complaints of watching TV in hut. Mr. Martin will be sending two letters:

- 1: To one individual monitor about leaving and not working their shift.
- 2: All monitors about watching TV and outlining the hours and duties of a landfill monitor including the duties of the two monitors on Saturday because one is to be at the hut checking stickers and one up at the transfer station making sure everyone is only putting the official “Town of Granby” blue bags as stated at the Board’s February 21st meeting.

Mary asked that more information be shared from the Town Administrator so that the Board would know if a situation was going from bad to worse.

Mark Bail:

Boy Scout Letter: Troop #306 asked if they could use some space at the vacant fire/highway building for storage of seasonal equipment from the Town of Granby. The

Board discussed that building and other options but none are viable. Mr. Martin will write a letter back to the Troop letting them know that the Town does not have any viable space for them to use at this time, but suggests that the Troop ask the MacDuffie School officials if they might have space available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard