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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: March 19, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

6:35 SGT APPOINTMENT

7:30 Pole Hearing # 1227251

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 SOARS Request
- 4 Review Select Board Policy #09-02

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of March 19, 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

Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Herb Ableson of 138 Cold Hill Drive, Mr. Ableson is new to Granby and is interested in serving on committees. He told the Board about his interests and background. The Board was happy to meet him and is looking forward to appointing him to some committees.

Mark Bail introduced Nate Price who is working on his Citizenship Badge for Boy Scouts. He could be one of our future leaders.

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 March 5, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Wishart brought forward Officer Gary Poehler to be appointed to Sergeant. He was recommended by the Police Advisory Committee to the Select Board after taking the written Sergeant test and then being interviewed by the Committee.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointment of Officer Gary Poehler to the position of Sergeant for the Granby Police Department for a term ending June 30th 2014 and starting on March 24, 2012.

Pole Hearing # 1227251: Chair Mark Bail opened the public pole hearing at 7:30 pm. Mary McDowell read the legal ad for the hearing that was placed in the Hampshire Gazette on February 27th. Lisa Jasinski from National Grid explained the reason for adding a pole for a new home at 164 Kendall Street and shortening a span from one pole to another. There was no opposition for the pole hearing. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to close the hearing.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve permission for National Grid to do the following on “Kendall Street-Granby Massachusetts-Relocate P 27 (and anchor) 2318’ West of intersection with Chicopee Street and install P 26-50 (and anchor) 120 ‘West of new P 27”.

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.

SOARS Request: Mary McDowell read a letter the Board received from the SOARS Inc. The group would like to have a fundraiser Tag/Craft Sale on May 19, 2012 on the lawn of the Dufresne Park and is asking the Board to waive the fees for both the Common Victualler’s license and Dufresne Rental fee. The Board discussed the following concerning this request:

1) On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously approve SOARS Inc to host this fundraiser on May 19, 2012.

2) *Common Victualler’s license:* Mr. Barry told the rest of the Board that this is more of a flea market according to our General Bylaws as they are paying a fee to sell their wares. The cost for that is \$200 and only the Select Board can waive the fee. Mr. Martin will send along the paperwork for that and when it is returned it will placed on the Select Board’s agenda for approval or denial.

1) The Board tabled the request to waive the fee till the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee approves the request for the use of lawn area at Dufresne Park on May 19th, 2012 and gives their input on the waiving the fee. *(It was also brought up that Mr. Piquette should recue himself from any votes concerning the SOARS, Inc).*

The protocol from this point on will be the following concerning rentals for Dufresne Park and waiving fees:

a) *Event is scheduled with the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee*

b) *Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee approves or rejects event at a public meeting and sends recommendations to the Select Board in writing.*

c) *Any fee waivers are then submitted to the Select Board for approval or rejection.*

Mr. Martin will send an email to Richard Gaj Sr., as Chair of the Committee concerning this procedure.

Review Select Board Policy #09-02:: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, it was unanimously voted to reaffirm Select Board Policy #09-02 *Cell Phone Use at Work* as written with no changes and add reviewed on March 19, 2012 at the bottom of the page.

REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Martin informed the Board that he was told by Chief Wishart that one of his part-time dispatchers has had to resign due to personnel reasons. Chief Wishart explained to the Board that this dispatcher came to him about a week and half ago and explained his reasons and regrettably has to resign from both dispatching and as a member of the Granby Auxiliary Police Unit. Chief Wishart will wait to fill his position until after the budget for FY13 has been finalized. He will fill the position with part-time officers at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- *Move Aldrich Hall Staff to Council On Aging* – Concerns with where to mount the elevator above or below the cement floor. It was determined to do it below. After talking with the Building Inspector. There will be no need for a ramp this way. The next step is to cut the floor and cut a hole in the 2nd floor ceiling for William Shaheen to look at the support beams.
- *Landfill Proposals* – Alternative Recycling of Northampton has not gotten back to Mr. Martin. He has moved on to Allied out of Chicopee and given everything that Waste Management has given us and they have forwarded it on to their regional sales manager who deals with municipalities.
- *Partyka Forge Pond Property* -It is being finalized and looked over. Lou Barry has walked part of the property and will be walking the other half soon. Chris has approached the Conservation Commission to see if they have any money that they can give towards the purchase price. Mr. Barry suggested that we put something into the purchase and sale about foresting the trees.
- *IT Services* –Whally Computers has toured the buildings with Chris and he is currently waiting for their proposal.
- *Master Plan* – Lou Barry spoke with Mr. Evren concerning the plan and is going to call a meeting soon to get it done and finalized. Mr. Barry sent a copy of the old open space plan to him also for the master plan. He is hoping to have the new open space plan done in a couple of weeks. Mr. Bail has a copy of the master plan so far and will forward it on to the other Board members and Mr. Martin.
- *Personnel Board-Affirm Appointments to the Personnel Board Ad-Hoc Committee-* On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to affirm the following persons to the *Personnel Board Ad-Hoc Committee* to look at the jurisdiction of the by-law and mission of the Personnel Board for a term ending June 30, 2012:

Albert Bail

Pro-Tem Chair

North Street

Christopher Martin

Rep. for the Select Board

Martin Merrill

Cold Hill

Chris will write a charge and bring it to the next meeting for the Board's approval.

Mary asked that Chris do some research on what Personnel Board's functions are in other communities. Chris suggested that it could be one of the charges that the Committee would do. Mark would like the Moderator and chair of the Finance Committee come to the Board's next meeting.

- *Vet Recognition Procedure* – Still in process
- *Leave Absence Policy*- Still in process with Chief of Police
- *South Hadley Fire District 2*: Chris has sent a letter to the South Hadley Fire District 2 under the Freedom of Information Act. He has gone on-line gotten and all the information on how they set their current tax rate and is currently drafting the IMA.
- *South Hadley Fire District 1 Letter*: Still in process-working on the wording.

Planning Board: Mr. Martin found out today that the Planning Board is proposing a by-law change concerning "Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic". The Board would like Mr. Martin to send it the Energy Committee as he suggested. Mr. Martin will also send it to the Select Board members.

Library Grant: As part of the Green Communities Grant for the Library solar photovoltaic project there were two conditions that had to be addressed. One being a signed statement from a structural engineer that the roof on the new library would be able to support the solar photovoltaic structure. Mr. Barry has forwarded that request on to the engineer. And second that a statement has to be made that any energy rebates or incentives that have been received from the result of installing the solar photovoltaic system would be used towards energy savings or measures, which would come from the Select Board. Mr. Martin would like to set-up a fund for the Energy Committee to use.

Mr. Martin went over with the Board the updated landfill stickers and bag totals as of March 15th, 2012. Mary asked if the Annex is going to sell the bags. There was some miscommunication and Mr. Martin will send an email to the Board of Health to ask about them selling the bags and selling the stickers with a carrier picking up the money on a daily bases.

Dufresne Ad-Hoc Minutes: Chris has some concerns about the idea of a permanent Truck Pull track to be located at Dufresne Park. He believes this all started with a meeting with the Charter Day Committee as they held a truck pull at Charter Days last year. He believes there were some concerns from last year's event from the Conservation Commission and that is why they want to put in a permanent track. It is being brought forward from the Truck Puller's Association. Chris has concerns of where they want to place it. Which is over by the horse rings on the Taylor Street side of the park. He thinks they might be too close to the wetlands and the play area for the children. They are talking about something would that be 200 feet long and 16 feet wide and 16 feet from the horse ring. Chris is afraid that if put it in it will be used more than once a year. Mr. Bail did not see it as part of the mission of the park either, especially on that side of the park. Some concern was over who has first rights to use the park as the horse ring and the track would not be compatible. The Board suggests waiting to hear back from the

Conservation Commission concerning this issue and then the Board could invite the Truck Puller's Association to come to a Select Board meeting.

Boy Scouts Camping Area Dufresne Park: Mark Bail said that he did not think that the idea was ready to go to next step yet from the Boy Scouts. Lou Barry also said he thought the same thing. Request is tabled at this time till the Boy Scouts are ready to put a proposal forward.

Chris told the Board that he has received a resignation letter from Beth Pare as a landfill monitor as she is working more for the school and does not fit in with her schedule. Dave Turcotte will be working as a landfill monitor on Thursday until June 30th.

Chris asked the Board if he could close the Select Board office from 1-3 pm on Tuesday April 24th for Cathy Leonard and himself to attend a meeting put on by the MMA concerning licenses. Lou Barry said that he would be glad to answer phones in the office for a couple of hours while Chris and Cathy are gone.

Chris told the Board that he has a call into Bill Shaheen, Chair for Conservation Commission concerning any snags that might come up for the Wounded Warrior Project proposed for Carver Street.

Mark Bail: Mentioned that Chief Anderson spoke to him about the Granby Fire Association participating in a road race for "home for vets" in Hanover. Chris did have some concerns with them participating and getting hurt and then having to go on 111-F. Lou Barry also thinks that something should be done locally for Mr. Joshua Bousharz, maybe at the town's Memorial Day parade. Mr. Bail will talk to the American Legion about it.

Mr. Bail also mentioned that he received an email from a representative from the company that Andrew Krulewitz works for concerning solar photovoltaic's and it was suggested that Mark send him to the Energy Committee. The other Select Board members have also spoke with Andrew.

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 @ 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard