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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin
Granby Select Board: Mark L. Bail, Chair
Mary A. McDowell
Louis Barry

Board Meeting: May 9, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 6:32 POLICE AUXILIARY
- 6:35 WILLIAM COX-ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR
- 6:37 ISABELINA RODRIGUEZ
- 7:00 BRUCE STANAS-ALLIED WASTE PRESENTATION

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve Common Victuraller's License
- 4 Dufresne Park Rental Waivers
 - a. Booster Club/Cathy Imelio
 - b. SOARS
- 5 Flea Market Permits
- 6 Review Policy # 09-04-Staffing During Adverse Weather Conditions
- 7 Motions for 1st half of Annual and Special Town Meeting
- 8 Freedom to Marry Initiative (MB)
- 9 Approve and Sign Landfill Amendment Agreement

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of May 9, 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”.

The Board sent good wishes and a speedy recovery to former Select Board member Wayne Tack Sr.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tony Regan Sr. came in front of the Board to ask about the Veterans plaques in Kellogg Hall. Chris told him that they would be moved to the Safety Complex till we find a final place for them. Maybe mount them on rocks and move the Veteran’s rock and make a home for them at Aldrich Hall front lawn as a Veterans Mall. Do a fundraiser or ask for donations to be able to do it. Chris also talked to our Veteran’s Agent for all the names of residents who have served in conflicts since it was updated last. Chris also told him that the Board wanted to have an Ad-Hoc Committee for this project and wanted Tony Regan Sr. to chair the committee. Mr. Regan will report back to the American Legion about the Board’s plans at their meeting tonight.

A concerned parent Tracie Kleotka who has children going into 3rd grade next year asked to speak to the Board. She attended the School Committee meeting on Monday. She had some questions concerning the article on the Annual Town Meeting that is asking for \$230,000 for the schools operating budget. She had heard that if more circuit breaker money or Chapter 70 money comes in from the State that it would lessen the amount of money in that article for the school that the town would vote for. The Board explained to her that that was the recommendation of the Finance Committee, not necessarily the recommendation of the Select Board. They have not discussed that scenario. Chris Martin explained to her about how she could amend the motion on town floor on June 18, 2012.

She also asked about West Street School. They explained that there would be a Committee that decides on the fate of West Street School. Chris suggests that she speak with the School Committee for more information concerning the schools as they are all under their purview. Chris also told her to call him if she had any other questions and he would be happy to answer them the best he could and Mr. Barry also told her that the Board tries to hold office hours on the second Saturday of each Month.

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve as written the Selectboard regular meeting minutes of April 17th, 2012 and the Select Board office hours minutes of April 14th.

APPOINTMENTS

POLICE AUXILIARY: Chief Wishart presented to the Board two new candidates to be affirmed as Auxiliary Police Officers to the Granby Auxiliary Police Unit. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Lou Barry the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointments of Alex Seid of Springfield and Kendall Hill of Feeding Hills for terms ending June 30, 2013.

WILLIAM COX-ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR: William (Bill) Cox spoke to the Board about becoming the town's alternate Building Inspector as recommend by our Building Inspector Donald Demers. Our town's current alternate Building Inspector is out on sick leave. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Lou Barry the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointment of William Cox of Granby for a term starting immediately and ending June 30, 2013.

ISABELINA RODRIGUEZ- Did not attend the meeting as the board met with her and the school committee on Monday may 7th.

BRUCE STANAS-ALLIED WASTE PRESENTATION- Mr. Dan Higgins of Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts came before the Board to discuss the services that Allied Waste could offer the Town. Mr. Higgins distributed packets to each of the Board members. Mr. Higgins stated that they do not have a proposal for the operation of a transfer station. They are proposing curbside collection and gave a proposal for both conventional and automated collection. The Board reviewed the packet and discussed the options presented. It was also discussed about total privatization of these services.

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:

12-29	Dean Elliott	d/b/a Deano's	(Charter Days)	Dufresne Park
12-30	Laura J Hamer,	db/a Arf! And Running	(Dog Shows)	Dufresne Park
12-31	Spring Forth Dog Services LLC		(Dog Shows)	Dufresne Park

Dufresne Park Rental Waivers:

a. Booster Club/Cathy Imelio:

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve (on the recommendations of the Town Administrator and the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee) to waive the \$70.00 fee for the Granby Booster Club/Cathy Imelio for the use of the Dufresne Pavilion on Sunday August 26, 2012. Chris will check with Chief Wishart to make sure that they have talked to Chief about the route as the race is being run on the road.

b. SOARS

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve (on the recommendation of the Town Administrator) to waive the \$70.00 fee for the Tag and Craft Sale on May 19th, 2012 as the event was approved by the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee.

Flea Market Permits: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve (on the recommendation of the Town Administrator) a flea market permit and to waive the \$200.00 fee for the Granby SOARS Inc., for the Tag and Craft Sale on May 19th, 2012.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to approve (on the recommendation of the Town Administrator) a flea market permit for the United Church of Christ 10th annual All Town Tag Craft Sale on May 26, 2012 and to waive the \$200.00 fee.

Review Policy # 09-04-Staffing During Adverse Weather Conditions: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry the Board unanimously voted to amend policy # 09-04-Staffing During Adverse Weather Conditions with the following changes/additions:

3. Closing Procedures-Add *Town administrator* to paragraph 2 and also add “*it will be placed on the town’s official website*” to the end of the paragraph.

When a closing decision is made before the workday begins, the Town Administrator will make every effort to notify affected employees by 7:30 AM. When notified of closing, employees will also be told when to report back to work. Closing of town buildings will be placed on the town’s official website.

Chris will also see about using the code red phone system to contact all employees within a Employee Call list with one phone call if the article for the system passes on June 18th.

Motions for 1st half of Annual and Special Town Meeting: Board discussed who will read the articles for the Special Town and Annual Town Meeting on May 14th as follows:

Mark Bail will read the following articles STM #-#’s 3, 5, 6 and 7, ATM #’s 1, 2, 3 and 11.

Louis Barry will read the following articles STM # 4, and 8, ATM # 8.

Mary McDowell will read the following articles STM # 2, ATM #’s 4, 5 and 7.

Virginia Snopek will read article # 1 of the STM.

Kevin Brooks will read article # 6 of the ATM.

School Committee Member will read article # 9 of the ATM.

Robert Murphy will read article # 10 of the ATM

Planning Board member will read article #12 of the ATM.

Freedom to Marry Initiative: was tabled indefinitely, as not a town issue.

Approve and Sign Landfill Amendment Agreement: Chris made changes since the Board received them in their packets.

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1. Changed where it said Board of Selectmen to *Select Board* in 1st paragraph.
2. Changed the 3rd whereas where the landfill agreed to change the prevailing disposal rate for the period *July 1 2010 to December 31 2010*. He was making sure all the dates were the same.

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3. Paragraph # 8 changed *July 1, 2012-December 31 2012*.

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4. Change Board of Selectmen to *Select Board*.

Mary asked about the amount that Waste Management credited the Town. Chris told her that they were crediting the Town the amount of \$41, 895.94 and giving the town free tipping for the

catch basins and not changing the disposal rates for the school and town waste that is picked up, equaling together a total credit of \$60, 900. Chris passed the final copy of the amendment to both Town and Special Council and they both approved the changes. Mary asked if this amendment says to closure of the landfill. Chris will relook at the original contract for a date. Board tabled signing the agreement to Monday May 14th meeting to include a specific date.

REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

- ***Police Grievance:*** Chris and Chief Wishart spoke to the Board about a possible grievance from the police department concerning bidding of shifts for July, 1, 2012. The grievance would be over how seniority is determined if someone was just promoted was hired before someone already in that classification. Who actually has more seniority when bidding jobs? The person longest in that classification or the person who has been working on the department longest. New issue so it would be impact bargaining-reopen contract. The Board will still have Mark Bail represent the Board if negotiations are needed. After much discussion the Board asked Chief Wishart to come up with a new policy/procedure for the bidding of sergeant shifts. The Board will then reject or approve the policy/procedure within 30-days of receipt.
- **Next Select Board Meeting:** Board will let Chris know what days they are available.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Mark Bail spoke to the Board concerning work that was done by the Girl Scouts at Dufresne Park. The Girls Scouts went in front of the Conservation Commission for permission to put bird houses and two benches up by the pond on the Taylor Street side and were approved. Some concerns by other committees on whether the work was ADA compliant. Mark suggested that if the Building Inspector did not have a problem with the way it is now then the project should stay as is. Chris has spoken to Mr. Demers and will speak with him again tomorrow about the project.

Board suggested that a procedure for doing anything at Dufresne Park be made. Chris suggested a form where Dufresne Ad-Hoc, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission and Select Board sign-off on the proposed project. Mark will look at the rules and regulations and get back to the Board on any changes or additions to them.

Lou Barry asked the Board if they should send out the evaluation forms to the Department heads as the Personnel Board. Chris will send the forms out. Chris would like to set a date to meet with the other two members. Dianne Piquette and Wayne Tack are interested in being on the Personnel Board.

Mary McDowell asked about the installation of equipment from Kellogg Hall to the Public Safety Building. Larry Pietras explained that it was the INET. GCAM picked up the cost for the change in service. They will also pick up the cable for Dufresne Park so that the Police can monitor the park.

Whalley Computers is now taking care of the computer system. Chris said 95% of the transition is done, hoping to finish up tomorrow. The COA is taking advantage of training on Friday.

Land Grant-Lou told Mary that he has sent out two letters one to the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the second to the State concerning endangered species so that both departments can sign-off on the grant. He has contracted for an appraisal, which is also a requirement. We have agreed on a final purchase price based on the closing date of \$54,900 based on the amount of taxes that they have paid since they purchased the land. The application is 95% complete. He is going to meeting on Tuesday, other than that he is waiting for the Town meeting vote.

He also has a public hearing for the Open Space Plan and will be talking to the other committees who are invited about the park grant. The Conservation Commission is hiring their college intern to help with the filing of the permits for the dredging of Dufresne Pond and the Recreation Commission is looking to put one more field in at Brown-Ellison Park.

Old Police Building- Pipe burst in the basement. Dave Turcotte has been dealing with the mold issue and repairing the walls. Chris suggested getting sump pump for there. Mary said I thought we gave the building back to the State. Chris said he sent a letter to them stating that, never got a response back. Lou Barry will give Chris another name of someone to contact from the State to contact about the building.

Mary would like to discuss the disposal of Aldrich Hall and Kellogg Hall and 30-B regulations at the Board's next meeting.

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 @ 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard