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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: June 4, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

REORGANIZE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 6:45 JOHN LIBERA
- 7:00 EARLEE-MUG-EARLEN KENYON
- 7:15 266 LOUNGE-ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
- 8:00 # 12434406, (May 9th, 2012) marked East Street-Granby
- 8:15 SHAINA HUMPHREY-DINOSAURS

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve Common Victuraller's License
- 4 Approve Pool Table Permit
- 5 Set FY13 Sewer Rate
- 6 Review Policy # 09-06
- 7 Approve Sewer Abatement FY12
- 8 Presentation of Articled for 2nd half of Annual and Special Town Meeting
6-18-12

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23-B, Clause 3*

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of June 4, 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”.

Mary McDowell and Louis Barry congratulated Mark Bail on being reappointed to the Board.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board appointed Louis Barry as chair of the Select Board.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Louis Barry, the Board appointed Mark Bail as clerk of the Select Board.

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 regular meeting minutes of May 14th & 17th, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

JOHN LIBERA: Spoke to the Board about the up coming continuation of the Annual Town Meeting on June 18th concerning the vote for the School budget. The Committee thought it got a little confusing for some people with some of the changes and with what has been published or not published. They are worried that there could be a lot of confusion when it comes time to vote for the school budget. What

they did was put the info in the Finance Booklet (which you can get on the town's official website). They split the regular school budget, with part of the money coming from the stabilization fund. The total sum of the budget was the budget that was presented to Finance Committee by the Superintendent of Schools and a School Committee member and that budget was approved by the Finance Committee. A number of figures changed from the time the budget was presented to the Finance Committee and the final publishing of the booklet for Town Meeting. The Finance Committee will explain at the start of the continued Town Meeting what is the correct figure and how they have written and provided that amount in the school budget to be voted on in article # 30 and how the town should withdraw warrant article # 31 asking for \$230,000 as the amount needed for their budget was already approved in article #30. The Finance Committee will also explain and talk with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee about the changes in the warrant articles.

EARLEE-MUG-EARLEN KENYON: Ms. Kenyon owner of the Earlee-Mug on East State Street came in front of the Board to see if any beer and wine licenses were available. The Board told her there was and she told the Board she was looking into acquiring one. She would be only having beer available and only to 8:00 p.m. and only with a purchased meal. The Board explained that she needs to apply on-line with ABCC and then present the printed paperwork and an official abutters list from the Board of Assessors office to the Select Board and then a hearing would be scheduled.

266 LOUNGE-ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE: Edward Houleberg, who is representing the American Legion doing/business/as the 266 Lounge who are asking for an amended entertainment license from the Select Board to add small bands, singers, other small musical groups and mystery theater dinners to their existing license of Live Entertainment consisting of Karaoke, DJ or Comedian and to include both downstairs and upstairs at 74 Pleasant Street as the area being licensed. They have a mixed crowd of all ages and the entertainment would not be any heavy metal groups. The bands would stop at 12-midnight, that is the time for last call for alcohol also, with closing being at 1:00 am. Mr. Houleberg was told that a new application needs to be filled out along with an official abutters list from the Board of Assessors office and then everything returned to the Select Board office where a hearing would then be scheduled.

Pole Hearing # 12434406 (May 9th, 2012) marked East Street-Granby:

Chair Louis Barry opened the public pole hearing at 8:00 pm. Louis Barry read the legal ad for the hearing that was placed in the Town Reminder on May 25th. Lisa Jasinski from National Grid explained the reason to relocate a pole to make way for a modular home at 183 East Street. Hearing was opened for questions concerning the pole relocation. Leonard Carriveau of 181 East Street asked to see where they would be relocating the pole. Ms. Jasinski explained that it would be going 15-ft up the hill. He also wanted to make sure that they knew that there were gas lines there. Mr. Leocopoulos asked why he was notified. He was told he was an abutter within 300-ft of the project. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to close the hearing. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve permission for National Grid to do the following on East Street-Granby Massachusetts- Relocate SO pole 68 15' east of existing location: to make way for a new driveway, beginning at a point approximately 215' feet east of the intersection of Sherwood Drive.

SHAINA HUMPHREY-DINOSAURS: Ms. Humphrey presented to the Board her Dinosaur Statue Project (copy back of minutes). She explained that this was a non-profit venture developed by a group of town residents. She brought a smaller scale statue to show the Board. They hope to place six (6) of these

statues in different location around town by 2013. The cost per statue is estimated at \$3,000 per unit installed. The statue measures 5-ft high, by 4-ft wide and 8-ft long. They have asked for State funding for one of them, asked other organizations in town and individual residents to sponsor ones. It would be helpful to have some support from the town itself but they do not feel it is necessarily needed to get their goal accomplished. She would like the Board to give her something concrete saying the project has their approval so she may let the Building Inspector know. He asked her to get their approval. The Board believes that the questions that they have all fall under the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. Chris asked if they had a problem with him asking the ZBA and Planning Board to give their opinion on the proposed project. The Board did not have a problem with him doing that.

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

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

Approve and Sign Maintenance: On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve and sign the maintenance warrants.

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

12-33	CVS Pharmacy Inc	d/b/a CVS Pharmacy #7111	70 West State Street
12-34	Tammy & Stephen Sapowsky	d/b/a Sapowsky Farm	434 East Street
12-35	Tadeusz Czubaj	Dufresne Park	32 Kendall Street
12-36	Gino Orlandi	d/b/a Poppies Fresh Onion Rings, Inc	32 Kendall Street
12-37	Evelyn Hatch	d/b/a Breezy Acres Farms	25 Pleasant Street
12-38	Carol Strait	d/b/a Taco Wagon	32 Kendall Street
12-39	Joyrides, LLC	d/b/a Happy Days Family Fun Spot	172 West State Street
12-40	Henry Mitchell	d/b/a Amy’s Sweet Treats, LLC	32 Kendall Street

Approve Pool Table Permit: On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve the following 2012-2013 Pool Table Permits, to expire May 1, 2013:

12-01-PTL	Granby American Legion	d/b/a Lounge 266	74 Pleasant Street
12-02-PTL	Granby Café		489 East State Street

Set FY13 Sewer Rate: The Board discussed with Chris Martin, TA the setting of the FY2013 Sewer Rates. Mr. Martin explained that in the past the town has used retained earning from the Sewer Enterprise Funds to artificially keep the sewer rates low. Mr. Martin does caution the Board that even though we are having hard fiscal times the town can not keep using the amount of retained earnings it is using because eventually there will be no monies left and then residents will really have a shock of how much it costs to be on the system. It is the Board’s job to set the rate and Chris’s to forewarn the residents that the more money you use the less you will have later for any big repairs and if there are no retained earnings then it would become a tax subsidy on the part of all taxpayers in the Town of Granby. Mr. Martin recommends the Board us \$25,000 from the subsidy and an increase about \$50.00 per EUD. He noted that by 2015 all the

notes will be paid off and bills will level off or drop. On a motion by Mark L. Bail, and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously voted the following sewer rates for FY13 per EDU -\$407.00 for Community Septic, \$556.00 for 5 Corners and \$265.00 for South Hadley users prior to 1994 and use \$25,000.00 from retained earnings.

Approve Sewer Abatement FY12: On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve the abatement for No. 2108-156 commitment, No. 12-01 in the amount of \$2,410.00 for the first half of fiscal 2012 as evidence received by the Board in the form of a letter from their certified water operator for 59 Pleasant Street.

Review Policy # 09-06: Chris wondered if this was still necessary considering the State Ethics Law and Test that is mandatory for all employees and volunteers for the Town. He believes that we are covered by it. Some discussion was made to amend it to say that every employee shall be given a copy of the Conflict of Interest law and take the ethics exam as required by the State. Chris will look the whole policy over once more and report back to the Board. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to table the review of policy #09-06 till more information was available.

Motions for 2nd half of Annual and Special Town Meeting: Board discussed who will read the articles for the Special Town and Annual Town Meeting on June 18th as follows:

Louis Barry will read the following article STM # 1, and articles ATM # 32 and 33.

William Porter will read article's # 2 & 3 of the STM and #34 of the ATM.

David Desrosiers will read article's # 13, 21, and 22 of the ATM.

Chief Anderson will read article's #14, 18, and 29 of the ATM

Larry Pietras will read article 15 of the ATM

Albert Bail will read article # 16 of the ATM

Chief Wishart will read article's #17 (or JimTrompke), 19, and 20 of the ATM.

Mary McDowell will read the following articles of the ATM #'s 23, 24, and 25.

Mark Bail will read the following articles of the ATM # 26 (or a Pathfinder Rep), 27 and 28.

Finance Committee will read article's # 30 & 31 of the ATM.

Mr. J.T. Ayers, 98 Ferry Hill Rd asked about articles #30 and #31 concerning the School budget. Mr. Barry explained to Mr. Ayers that was not on the agenda and that Mr. Libera, of the Finance Committee had talked about that earlier in the meeting. He did explain that the budget for the School was being addressed in warrant article # 30 and so warrant article #31 is no longer necessary.

REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Martin told that he did not do an unfinished business list for this meeting but would highlight some items that he was been working on.

- ***Police Grievance:*** He is still waiting for a letter from the IBOP in writing telling him if the two individuals were able to work the issue out.
- ***32-B Municipal Health Care Reform:*** Town had to either join group insurance commission or show that our plan was better than what they could offer and cheaper. The

town belongs to the Hampshire County Trust and based on our plans we have a better plan and at a cheaper cost.

- **USA Waste Disposal out of Enfield Ct-** Has contacted them to be at the Board's 2nd meeting in July.
- **Carver Street Additional Light:** Chris has been in contact with National Grid about putting two lights up at the Corner of Chicopee and Craver Street after talking with Lou Barry. It is in the works.
- **Library Project:** Has been looking at the boiler-plate contracts that had been given to him and Atty. Ryan for the project. He has a meeting with Atty. Ryan tomorrow morning to go over the concerns that he has seen with the contract. He will be writing the ads for the bids and is hoping to get them out to the papers next week.
- **Cori Checks:** He has been going over the new Cori-check procedure and is now updating and revising the town's paperwork to conform to the policy changes by the State.
- **Draft Copy of the Town's Comprehensive Waste Water Management Plan:** He has been asked to read it over and get back to them on any issues he sees.
- **Personnel Board By-law Ad-Hoc Committee:** Has been going over the by-laws and discussing where changes should be made.
- **Job Description and Rating System Tool:** Will try to find the paperwork and send it to the Board.
- **Employee Evaluation Forms:** Will try to send out the forms to all the Department Heads.
- **Belchertown and Available EDU's:** Chris told the Board that he has heard back from Belchertown concerning any available edu's to tie in with their sewer treatment plant. They gave an amount of 50,000 gallons per day were available. MacDuffie's said that they would use 20,000 gallons per day, leaving 30,000 gallons available for the Town of Granby. He was looking at the School taking 15,000 gallons a day, leaving only 15,000 available for residents to off-set the price of the cost of running the lines. That would be about 45 residents. He does not think it is worth perusing. Board asked about grants and Chris said that he didn't think the time-frame fitted in with what MacDuffie School was looking for. The Board would like to pursue it further and to keep MacDuffie School updated on what was going on.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Lou Barry: Updated the Board on the Open Space Plan, which should be complete next week and ready for the Board's approval. He will be meeting with the Conservation Commission to go over the land grant application. He is also waiting for letters from Senator Candaras and State Representative Ellen Story.

Mary McDowell asked about the letter to Kathy Lukasik from the Conservation Commission concerning the "Poop Digester". Chris explained that the Conservation Commission has some more questions concerning the proposal before they disapprove or approve it.

Mary asked if Tree Warden had been contacted about the trees at the Batchelor Street Cemetery. Richie is on vacation and Cathy will contact him about the trees when he gets back from vacation.

Mary asked about the Girl Scout Project at Dufresne Park. Mark Bail went with the Girl Scouts to a Conservation Commission meeting. The Conservation Commission filed an RDA for them and will have a hearing on the RDA on Tuesday June 12th. Chris said as the ADA Coordinator he will go out and look at the project.

Mary asked about the old police station status. Chris said Elaine Woodard has not gotten back to either him or Lou Barry. Mary asked if a letter could be sent out to her certified before the next meeting.

Mary asked about any updates with South Hadley District 2 Fire District- None at this time.

Mary asked about the meeting with Waste Management – Chris went over the highlighted spots with them. They had no problem with the dates. They talked about the 10-year closing date being 2020. The Board (Louis Barry & Mark Bail) signed the amended contract on their May 17th meeting.

Mary asked Mark about the Town Administrator’s evaluation. Mark said he did not have any of Mary’s numbers. Lou sent him his numbers. Mark will send her the spreadsheet and she can put her numbers in.

Next Select Board Meeting: Board will not hold any office hours in June. They are not sure about their next meeting in June. Their first meeting in July will be on July 9th. .

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M.G.L. Chapter 30-A, Section 21, Sub-paragraph-A, Clause 3 (Lou Barry as it will be detrimental to collective bargaining in open session)

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mark Bail it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting and go into executive session for *M.G.L. Chapter 30-A, Section 21, Sub-paragraph-A, Clause 3* and to return to regular session only to adjourn the regular session @ 8:50 PM. McDowell, Aye, Bail, Aye, and Barry, Aye.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ ____ :00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard