

TOWN OF GRANBY

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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: September 4 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

Tonnage from MRF

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

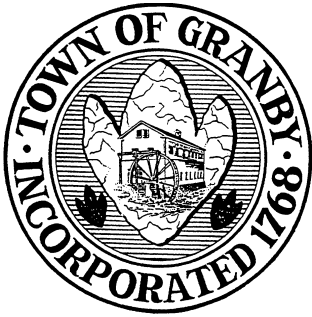
7:00 MCNAMARA WASTE & RECYLCING SERVICE
6:35 AFFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO THE VETERAN MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve & Sign Proclamation-September Hunger Action Month
- 4 Approve & Sign Proclamation- Constitution Week September 17-23 2012
- 5 Review Granby 2012 Clean Watersheds Needs Report
- 6 Eagle Scout
- 7 Approve & Sign Letter of Support for Proposed Forest Legacy Program
- 8 TA Evaluation

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes -September 4, 2012

Members Present: Mark Bail, Louis Barry, and Mary McDowell

Others Present: Christopher Martin

Mr. Barry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Mr. Barry led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There is no citizens' participation.

APPOINTMENTS

Affirm Appointments to the Veteran Memorial Committee: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to affirm the following residents to the Veteran Memorial Committee:

<i>John O'Connor</i>	<i>Non-voting</i>	
<i>Jason Richard Government</i>		<i>Police Officer</i>
<i>Anthony Regan</i>	<i>World War II</i>	
<i>Joshua Bouchard</i>	<i>Gulf War</i>	<i>48 Chicopee Street</i>
<i>Stephen Weatherbee</i>		<i>122 Taylor Street</i>
<i>Brian Sowell</i>		<i>22 Cold Hill Drive</i>
<i>James Sowell</i>		<i>22 Cold Hill Drive</i>
<i>Louis Barry</i>	<i>Ex-officio</i>	

McNamara Waste Services Appointment: By appointment, representatives, Bob McNamara and Harry Georgiades, from McNamara Waste and Recycling Services presented their services.

- A. The company can set-up single street dumpsters as well as school dumpsters.
- B. Curb-side pick-up for all of Granby, plus the disposal, would cost just about \$550,000.
- C. Private subscriptions would be just about \$20-24 per month, per household, or about \$250 per year. Trash would be picked up once a week

and recyclables every other week. With the 2500 houses in Granby, the route would be 500 houses a day, five days a week.

- D. As for transfer stations, there is one set up in Ashby, but it is the town's transfer station. There are no company owned transfer stations open at this time.
- E. Most clients use subscription.
- F. Potentially cheaper to have subscriptions per household with the 5% tax rate.

McNamara, Waste Management and Allied have all come in front of the Select Board about trash pick-up/transfer station. Allied was the only company that gave enough information pertaining to their company. McNamara could not present how they got their figures.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Departmental Reports: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve the departmental reports as written.

Approve and sign Maintenance: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve and sign the maintenance warrants.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the proclamation of the September Hunger Action Month (*as attached to the back of the minutes*)

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve and sign the proclamation of the Constitution Week September 17-23, 2012 (*as attached to back of minutes*).

Watershed Needs Report: The board was asked by Mr. Martin to give their blessing to the Granby Clean Watershed Needs Report done by Tighe & Bond. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to recognize and approve the Granby 2012 Clean Watershed Needs Report as presented.

Boy Scouts: The board extended congratulations to Dalton Remy, who achieved Eagle Scout ranking.

Forest Legacy Program: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, the Select Board signed and approved the letter of support to the Forest Legacy Committee for the Heritage Corridor Forest Legacy Area (HCFLA).

Approve Open Space Committee Letter: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to sign and approve the letter to the Open Space Committee members (*Letter is attached to back of minutes*).

Utilization of Town Council: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve and implement the policy utilization of Town Council (*Policy is attached to back of minutes*). A copy of the policy will be given to all Department Heads and appointed Committees.

Annual Town Administrator Evaluation: Mr. Bail read each category's average with a combined final score of 3.07, meets expectations. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve the Town Administrator's evaluation as presented. "Mrs. McDowell wanted it noted in the minutes that there are no averages from her because they sat together for 2 hours and 45 minutes discussing each of the sections and it was her understanding that during that the Board members were coming to a consensus as to what it was and at the end of that 2 hours and 45 minutes, it was said to go back and put in our averages. She thought it was very unfair thing to do, so she did not do it. However, she did give her input throughout the entire evaluation. And she wanted it stated in the minutes that she spent 2 hours and 45 minutes, discussing each of these sections with her colleagues." Mark Bail also wanted it noted that directions on the evaluation expressly say that the evaluation is supposed to be completed individually.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Tonnage from MRF: The amount of recycling has stayed about the same over this past year. The actual tonnages from the Materials Recycling Facilities have not been announced by the DEP. However the marketing rates were released from July 2011 to June 2012. In July 2011 the price per ton was \$50.74. In June 2012 the price per ton was \$35.62. Waste Management cannot present the actual tonnages. Only Waste Alliances of America (Directly from MRF) can present those numbers. This is because multiple companies haul Granby residents' recyclables to MRF. These numbers are to be pursued. Chris will contact Waste Management for the recycling numbers and ask for more detailed information that connects the numbers together with MRF.

Dump Bags: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the 33 gallon Granby garbage bags will be reduced to \$.75 for the 15-gallon bags and \$1.50 for the 33-gallon bags. On discussion Ms. McDowell said she was against lowering the price of the bags. She does not feel the price of the bags that we pay now is outrageous. She feels if we play around with the numbers now, we will pay of it later. Both the other Board members felt that they told the tax-payers they would not make the price higher so that the town makes a profit on them. Ms. McDowell stills feels we don't know the cost of losing the Landfill and does feel that it is a money making adventure. Motion carried as follows-Louis Barry Aye, Mark Bail Aye, Mary McDowell Nay, motion passes.

Dump Stickers: The new stickers need to be recognizable for Granby, but have no indication that it is associated with the Town of Granby.

Associated Wreckers: The ball park figure for the demolition of Aldrich Hall is \$50,000. That includes, knocking down the building and garage, hauling the material away, and putting the area back to original condition. The only catch is that a hazardous materials

survey would need to be done before the demolition can start. Associated Wreckers is getting back to Mr. Martin with a price. In the meantime, ATC will be asked for a price to basically locate any asbestos. Aldrich Hall is planned to be knocked down about mid to late Nov. The board is hoping to be moved out of Aldrich Hall by Sept-Oct.

Aldrich Hall Well: There is still trouble with the total coliform for the well and the bacterium that is in the well is not going away. Two options to get rid of the coliform: 1; buy a bleaching unit to constantly feed bleach into the well for cleaning. 2; close the well down and move out. DEP knows that Aldrich Hall is to be closed anyway and no one is drinking the water.

Hampshire Council of Governments: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, it was unanimously approved to sign the professional services agreement between the Hampshire Council of Governments and the Town of Granby for the FY-2013 Accountant Services. It was signed and reviewed by Town Council. The price for FY-2013 is \$19,968. The price given includes the hourly rate and part of the regional director's pay. HCOG is also looking into standardizing the accounting software that they will be using. The software would have to be purchased separately.

Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official Certification: Mr. Martin will be attending training classes in Boston to keep his MCPPO certification current; it is required by the state. The two courses will cost about \$650. When the classes are completed his certification will be good for another three years.

Sharing Sick Time to another Employee: An individual has been out on extended sick leave and a couple of other employees would like to share their sick time with this individual. Mr. Martin would like Board approval for this request. On a motion by Mr. Bail, seconded by Mrs. McDowell, it was approved to allow employees to donate their sick-time hours to another employee in need Mark Bail-Aye, Mary McDowell-Aye, and Mr. Barry abstained (as he has a relative who would like to donate some of their time). The Board would like to see a written procedure for them to approve at a meeting. They would like the written procedure to include the following: the request to be done in writing and have it that they must have a certain amount of sick-time available (240 hrs) to be able to give.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes for August 20, 2012: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Select Board's August 20th, 2012 meeting.

INFORMATION

Mary McDowell:

Public Safety: Asked about the damage that was done to the public safety complex and if a claim was put in from our insurance company. Mr. Martin told her that is in the process

of getting repaired and what is not covered by our deductible will be sent to our insurance company for a claim.

Auditor Report: Mr. Martin is in the process of trying to get in touch with the auditor to arrange a meeting to discuss the report.

Casson Letter: Letter was sent saying the Board was in receipt of their letter.

Bittersweet Lane: Mr. Martin explained the withdrawal letter from the Conly Family for 1 Bittersweet Lane. They withdrew for the variance, but petitioned the ZBA under Pre-existing-non-conforming for their addition, which only requires a public meeting with the ZBA.

MIAA Credits: Ms. McDowell asked if anyone will be taking advantage of the MIAA Credits by doing any of their training programs. Mr. Martin responded, saying that he sends the information to department heads as he receives them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Oliva Depino, Student Intern
Cathy Leonard, Secretary to the Town Administrator