



# 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 17 @ 6:30 P.M.

## **AGENDA:**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

### **OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:**

Sick Leave Donation Procedure

### **APPROVE MINUTES:**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:30 P.M.-National Grid Pole Hearing- East St.- Install one SO stub pole to support new line extension for house #183 East St

### **NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:**

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve & Sign Proclamation-United Nations Day-2012
- 4 Sign Consent Order for DEP
- 5 Approve Hardship for Landfill Bags
- 6 Approve Common Victuraller's License
- 7 Approve and Sign a Chapter 61A Release

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**



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## **September 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

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

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

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

*Martin Merrill-* Mr. Merrill gave the Board an update on the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG). They had their 350<sup>th</sup> birthday party last Friday and it was well attended and represented by residents of Granby. He told the Board that the HCOG has formed a co-op with Northeastern Solar so they will be able to handle as much solar installations as we would like to have and tree trimming has been added to our purchasing list.

Mr. Martin asked the Board if it was true that the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee could not spend any money on the park without the Select Board approval. The Board said that was incorrect, they needed approval from the Board only on major expenses.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve as written the Selectboard regular session minutes of August 3, & September 10, 2012.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail the Board unanimously voted to approve the Selectboard August 3, 2012 executive session minutes as presented.

### **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 & Sign Proclamation-United Nations Day-* Mark Bail, clerk of the Board read the proclamation officially claiming October 24, 2012 as United Nations Day. All members of the Board signed the proclamation.

*Sign Consent Order for DEP-* On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to sign the Consent Order for DEP with regards to Aldrich Hall well. Chris Martin spoke with the Board telling them that he spoke with DEP and told them Aldrich Hall move out date is by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and that he shut down of all the sinks and had hand-sanitizers installed for everyone's use on site.

*Approve Hardship for Landfill Bags-* Mr. Bail made a motion to approve the hardship request for 50 trash bags for the year as presented by Chris Martin and the motion was seconded by Mary McDowell, on discussion Mary asked that a copy of their 2011 tax return be brought to Mr. Martin before the bags are released as that is the policy. Mark Bail seconded the amended motion made by Mary McDowell that a copy of their 2011 tax return be brought to Mr. Martin before the bags are released. Board approved the amended motion and unanimously voted to approve the original motion.

*Approve Common Victuraller's License-* On a motion made by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the Common Victuraller's license for Gunks Holding Corp for 30 West State Street to expire 12/31/12.

*Approve and Sign a Chapter 61A Release-* The Board received a letter from George & Beverly Galusha, owners asking the Board to release the town's Right of First Refusal on a certain property/land located on Barton St-Phillip Drive.-Assessors Map 4-B-2.9 having 9.33 acres which are classified in 61A. They have a purchase and sales agreement with Peter & Marie Crouse for \$132,000. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board voted not to exercise their option to purchase the following 61A property: land located on Barton St.- Phillip Drive, Assessors Map 4-B-2.9 having 9.33 acres, which are classified in 61A. Lot split from 4-B-2 in 2009 and is reported in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds plan book 219, page 24. McDowell-AYE, Barry-AYE and Bail-AYE

### **OLD BUSINESS**

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to approve the "Sick Leave Donation Procedure" as presented by Chris Martin. Mr. Barry wanted to make sure that the employee who donates time is given in writing notification of the hours of time that is used by the recipient.

### **INFORMATION**

*Mary McDowell:*

*Hazard Mitigation Grant:* Has been passed on to Highway Superintendent David Desrosiers and has not heard back from him on whether we would be applying or not.

*Town Emails:* The Board has an email address that has established with granby-ma.gov in connection with our website. Mr. Martin will get it to the Board members.

*Charter Days Recap 2012:* The Charter Day Committee will be asked to come to the Board's October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for a recap as discussed last January.

*Veteran's Committee:* Off to a great start.

*Board's Policy's:* Next meeting policy # 09-07- Use of Town Transportation.

*Recycling Tonnage:* Mr. Martin told the Board that he wrote to Arlene Miller, DEP regarding the reduction in recyclables and she will be getting back to him tomorrow.

*COA Lift:* The lift has been inspected and it has been locked till we pay the last installment. The payment was put on last Friday's warrant.

## **REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

*West Street School-MSBA-*Mr. Martin told the Board that he sat in on a conference call with Peter Dufresne principle of the High School, John Libera, Finance Committee member, with Brian McLaughlin and Diane Sullivan with MSBA. The West Street School project is still in the hopper; they are still doing their due diligence. They called to say that there are 208 applicants they are processing. They have done some site visits and gone over the applications. They were checking in to see if we would be ready should we be asked to go in to the eligibility process. Under the eligibility part there is a set of prerequisite that you would have to meet. We would have to make sure we had funding appropriation for a feasibility study before moving ahead in the pipeline. One thing that they did point out to us is that due to the last project issue of not going forward they weren't sure if they were going to require the town to fully fund the feasibility study. The feasibility study runs right now between \$500,000 to \$100,000 dollars. Chris still felt that it was all good news. He thought that this time the forums should be held in advance to make sure that all sectors of the community are behind the project before moving forward not just a certain few. They did say they would go through the last feasibility study and let us know what they would allow us to use for this new feasibility study. Chris thought it would be through a negotiation process where we sit down with them and be able to argue our point.

*Draft IMA-SHFD2-*Mr. Martin included in the Board's meeting packet a draft of an Inter-Municipal Agreement with South Hadley Fire District 2. Mr. Barry inquired on whether the discussion on the IMA should be done in executive session because of the possibility of negotiations. Mr. Martin was not sure that this would legally fall under any executive session as a contract. Discussion was tabled until a ruling by Town/Special Counsel on whether it was open or executive session material.

The Board asked Mr. Martin to respond to the correspondence from South Hadley concerning the SHFD2 with regards to the Town of Granby by telling them we will get in touch with them soon.

*Independent Audit FY2011-* Mr. Martin and Scanlon Associates have been playing telephone tag. He hopes to reach him this week.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 7:13 pm till 7:25 pm to open the National Grid Pole Hearing.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to reconvene the meeting at 7:25 pm.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

*National Grid Pole Hearing- East St.- Install one SO stub pole to support new line extension for house #183 East St-* Chair Louis Barry opened the public pole hearing at 7:30 pm. Louis Barry read the legal ad for the hearing that was placed in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on September 5 for # 12903557, (August 14, 2012) marked East Street-Granby.

National Grid representative explained the reason to for the hearing.- Install one SO stub pole to support new line extension for house #183 East St, beginning at a point approximately 196' east of the centerline of the intersection of Sherwood Drive.

Hearing was opened for questions concerning the pole relocation.

Thomas Turkowski 1 Sherwood Drive-an abutter was concerned about where the centerline placement would be of the pole. He was told it is on the town's right away.

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 install one SO stub pole to support new line extension for house #183 East St.

### **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 @ 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Leonard