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

Board Meeting: November 5, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

Smoking-Municipal Buildings

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

6:40 MAILING-FLYER-CHIEF WISHART

6:50 AFFIRM APPOINTMENT TO THE WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

7:00 PVPC-WENDY FOXMYN

7:20 POLE HEARING # 11516373

7:30 SHFD#2

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

1 Accept Departmental Reports

2 Approve and Sign Maintenance

3 Approve and Sign Gravel Permits

4 Review Policy # 10-02

5 Review-BOA-Contract-Cartographic

6 Discuss Email from Planning Board, Chair

7 Discuss Boulder Island-Library Fundraiser

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2012

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

Others Present: Christopher Martin

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

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.

Approve and Sign Gravel Permits: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve and sign the renewed gravel permits:

Ondrick Co. LLC (58 Industry Road Chicopee, MA) for excavating address 240 Chicopee Street Granby, MA,

Chris & Leon Chartier, and Greg Orlen, Excavating address 232 Batchelor Street, and

Two permits for Nawrocki Construction (105 Slate Road Chicopee MA) with excavation addresses of 11 Lyons Street Granby, MA and Lyons Street north side of the Hamden, Hampshire county line).

Flyer from the Police Department: The Police Department, spoken for by Chief Wishart, wants to use mailing taxes to publicize a Community Safety Night at the Granby Jr-Sr High School. This night would focus on juvenile delinquency, driver safety, the results of a drug and alcohol use survey, and an internet safety program. The Police Department figured that they could send out a flyer when taxes go out around Dec. 30st.

On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bail, it was unanimously voted on to approve the use of tax bill to mail out a flyer for the Police Department's Community Safety Night.

Approve the contract for the Cartographic Association: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve the contract for the Cartographic Association (Assessor's Office).

Policy #10-02: Was held off until the next meeting.

Email from the Ms. Desjardins, Chair of the Planning Board: Within this communication, there were some ideas given. These included, creating a system of coordinating communications that would include chairpersons of the community boards, chairs of elected boards, and department heads to occur on a regular basis for keeping us all on the same page as to who is conducting what projects. Therefore, any issues will become known immediately. The second idea was to make a plan of economic development for the community and hire an economic development professional who can take the ideas agreed upon and move them forward. Ms. Desjardins suggested that the Select Board ask Town Meeting for \$30,000 expenditure for these planning services. The Select Board has agreed that this is not the time to allow this or not. They are already supposed to meet with the Planning Board, so that will go together with that. The Finance Committee should be a part of this process because the Planning Board is asking for a bit of the budget. Ms. McDowell made it clear that she is in favor of the economic planner, but is a little concerned that the amount of money they have asked for is a bit low. The Select Board might put together an Economic Development Committee before looking to hire someone. This group would find exactly what they are looking for when hiring an economic planner.

The Select Board agreed that they should meet with the Planning Board before making a decision. They will try to meet with the Planning Board on December 10, 2012.

War Memorial Committee: James Bouchard was appointed to the War Memorial Committee and the committee wanted paperwork saying that the old COA to 202 is their land. The war plaques are currently in storage at the public safety complex.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve the war memorial.

Library Fundraiser: Currently the Town of Granby's Public Library wants to do another fundraiser to defer the costs of their new library. This time it is a purchase of light bulbs to light a Christmas tree. However, they would like to use Boulder Island's electricity and place a tree there.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve the Granby Public Library the use of Boulder Island to place and light their Christmas tree for a fundraiser.

Nonsmoking-Municipal Buildings: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve the Council on Aging and all of its grounds a nonsmoking area.

This motion may grow to become a by-law for Granby.

Status of the Town Hall move: The move is so far hectic. There is a moving company scheduled for the weekend of November 16, 2012 and 12:30pm. A company has been scheduled to come in and wire the second floor of the COA for computers and telephones. Whalley Computers has been contacted to come the day of the move to get all the computers up and running, so the

system can be up and running without an issue. Comcast has been Mr. Martin's choice of Telephone Company.

South Hadley District Two: A portion of Granby along Amherst Road falls in a District Two South Hadley Water and Fire District. This has been in effect as far back as the 1930's. This means that this section of town will be protected by Fire District Two in fire and water emergencies. They pay regular taxes to Granby, but fire and water taxes to District Two. District Two recently started up an ambulance service which increased the taxes to about \$400. For a while both Granby and District Two responded to emergency calls. Now, the District Two South Hadley demands to be notified first on all emergency calls. However, this involves multiple calls and could endanger the health of Granby's citizens. It is the Select Board's intent to negotiate these demands with District Two. In terms of taking all home calls and redrawing the District two boundary lines. South Hadley could not make it to the meeting tonight.

Chief Russ Anderson and Attorney Giorgio came forward to explain the issues South Hadley Fire District Two had with Granby. The issues with South Hadley District Two are not only with the price of the taxes, but that according to the Fire Marshall, no two districts can be in charge of the same area. Granby's lawyer wanted to come up with an inter-municipal agreement and this meeting was to get feedback from South Hadley. The "Reader's Digest" version of the problem was restated. Attorney Giorgio and Mr. Martin have drafted an inter-municipal agreement (two governments, being towns/districts/cities, enter into an agreement about shared surfaces). This inter-municipal agreement would be discussing another boundary for the District Two lines. Attorney Giorgio is confident that the two districts will be able to agree, but if they don't, he thinks that they should seek some sort of legislature to define the relationship and boundary between Granby and South Hadley District Two. That way, all that would have to be done is it to go to Town Meeting. That is when the Select Board will enter it in and everyone should be happy. The draft of the inter-municipal agreement has been sent to South Hadley. Attorney Giorgio stated that there should be some response within the next month or so. However, if South Hadley has not responded, there should be some plan made for a Special Town Meeting.

According to a David Laplante of Lyn Drive, who has a police scanner, heard the conversation of Granby police leaving a call to South Hadley without responding at all. Chief Anderson said it was because that area by Granby Heights was a confusing spot as to which house belongs to which district.

Another citizen, Barbra Seiffert of 3 Graystone Avenue, has lived in her house for about 50 years and is ready for some relief from this South Hadley Granby issue. She does not want to pay such a high tax to two towns for the same service.

The Select Board has agreed as a board that if they do not get a response this time and there is no agreement, then they will move forward with proper legislation. She also had a question as to why the Town of Granby sends her bill to her from South Hadley. Mr. Martin answered her that only Granby's Tax Collector and Town Assessor can issue bills to Granby Residents.

Bill Parent of Burnett Street is concerned because the ambulance service is so confusing. Chief Anderson has stated that if this plan/ inter-municipal agreement goes through, Granby ambulance

will be the only server for Granby, as long as it is available. Not to mention, his duel tax is upwards of \$850.

Chris Perron (505 Amherst Road) wants Granby to be prepared if SHFD #2 does not respond. He strongly believes that South Hadley will not respond. His taxes are near the \$1000 mark and he wants this process to move along.

There was some more discussion as to if this would be a very time consuming or costly project. Mr. Giorgio wants to discuss what the Select Board is looking for in this legislation. Mrs. McDowell would like to see that area of Granby (all along Amherst Road) still get South Hadley Water, but there will be no area of Granby that will be covered by South Hadley Fire District #2. As for the taxation, the process would still be the same, just excluding the fire taxes. Mr. Giorgio had a couple questions as to the specific breakdown of how District #2 affects South Hadley. However, no one had an exact number off the top of his or her heads. They did know that it is too big a number than South Hadley can cut. Mr. Martin confirmed that the tax rate has gone up so much do to serious expenditures by South Hadley. There was just conversation about how to spread the word about this situation and a couple ideas about how to handle the situation.

Wendy Foxmyn from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Ms. Foxmyn is the manager of regional services and innovation. She is going to meet with all 43 towns in our region to see what each town has in store for projects and seeing if any of them could share services. She gave several examples of towns sharing services. That list included Northampton and Easthampton looking at the feasibility of merging their emergency dispatch. Their services include sitting down with the customer and looking at how feasible the projects are and helps plan them out.

Pole Hearing: At 7:20 pm the pole hearing # 11516373 was called to order to grant permission to National Grid to put up a pole, wires and fixtures. Two SO new Spam poles (40 ft. tall) are to be placed on Morgan Street in Granby. They would be placed 673 feet from the intersection of Morgan with East Street. There was no one to speak on behalf of National Grid. One concerned citizen (Donald Duschalt of 31 Morgan Street) was concerned about where the pole would be place in coordination with his property. The two poles would not affect his property.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted on to approve National Grid's placement of two poles on Morgan Street. The approximate locations, of the two poles, are shown on the model.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Ms. McDowell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the November 5, 2012 meeting of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia DePino, Student Intern
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary