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Board Meeting: September 16, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 6:15 Todd Ford – Accounting Services
- 6:35 Jessica Scahill- COA Director
- 6:40 Robert Cannon – Finance Committee Appointee
- 6:45 One-Day Liquor License –Fire Association/266 Lounge Inc
- 7:00 West Street School Building Committee

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve & Sign Maintenance Warrant
- 3 Approve & Sign Dufresne Park Rental Permits-**None**
- 4 Kellogg Hall Update
- 5 Award Rock Salt Bid

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Minutes: September 16, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Louis Barry, Mark Bail and Mary McDowell.

Louis Barry, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

Maintenance Warrant: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the maintenance warrants.

Dufresne Park Rental Permits: None

Kellogg Hall Update: Mr. Martin spoke with the Inspector General's Office concerning the selling of Kellogg Hall (M.G.L. 30-B Section 16). Mr. Martin was told that he needs to re-advertise at least one more time under same process. We could word it differently saying the appraised price and that we are willing to take a lower price. If that fails, we could probably list it with a Realtor. Depending on what the Realtor would be receiving in commission, we may have to bid those services out. The Board also might also look at auctioneering Kellogg Hall.

Award Rock Salt Bid: On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to award the Winter Salt Bid 1043 as follows:

Rock Salt Delivered –untreated
American Rock Salt –Morris NY @ \$58.04 per ton
Sodium Chloride Crushed Rock Salt Treated w/Liquid Mag Chloride w/Organic Based
Performance Enhancer-
American Rock Salt –Morris NY @ \$70.67 per ton

APPOINTMENTS

Todd Ford – Accounting Services: Mr. Ford gave the Board an update on what is happening with the Regional Accounting Services at the Hampshire Council of Governments. He has hired a new Director of Finances, Asst. Director of Finances and has had a new bookkeeper working in Chesterfield and Goshen since the middle of July. Mr. Ford told the Board that it was a problem in Western Mass finding candidates to who know Municipal Accounting.

Ms. McDowell asked Mr. Ford why all 3 members of the Regional Accounting Services left. Mr. Ford said they all left for personal reasons. Ms. McDowell told Mr. Ford that she was very disappointed with the communication from the HCOG with the changes and updating Granby on them. Mr. Ford indicated that he felt that the personnel working for us should have kept us informed.

Mr. Ford introduced Roland Chaffee as the HCOG new Finance Director. Mr. Chaffee told the Board that he has had 30 years of experience working in Municipal Accounting and is looking forward to working with the Town of Granby.

The Board asked that Mr. Ford forward the new employees resumes to Mr. Martin.

Jessica Scahill- COA Director: Mr. Martin presented to the Board his nomination for the new Director of Senior Services position Jessica Scahill. Ms Scahill spoke about herself to the Board. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to appoint Jessica Scahill as the Director of Senior Services. Ms. Scahill will begin her new position on Monday October 7, 2013.

Robert Cannon – Finance Committee Appointee: Mr. Cannon re-presented himself to the Board and gave them a little background on himself. He has been serving on the Finance Committee since July 2013.

One-Day Liquor License –Fire Association/266 Lounge Inc: Lisa Anderson, a member of the Granby Fire Association and Edward Houlberg, manager of 266 Lounge Inc., came in front of the Board to ask for a one-day liquor license for October 26, 2013 for the Granby Fire Association's 75th Anniversary Party to be held at the Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 Camping Club located at 104 West State Street. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to grant and sign a one-day liquor license for the 266 Lounge for the Granby Fire Association's at 104 West State Street with the following restrictions: As a non-profit identity all-alcohol beverages can be served between the hours of 4 pm and midnight on October 26th and consumed only within the inside of the building, the checking of patron ID's is the responsibility of the Licensees. It is also the licensees' responsibility to ensure that neither minors nor intoxicated persons are served alcohol.

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District II Update: The petition was not issued out to the residents as Representative Ellen Story said it was not necessary at this time. The time for public input is over. Atty. Jason Panos did ask Rep. Story if the vote could be delayed and that request was successful. Mr. Martin feels that the Board should get the petition finished and out to the residents of Fire District II. He also feels that the signed petition should be delivered to the Committee itself, not given to our Rep. Atty Panos is trying to set up a meeting with House Council to discuss their differences of opinions regarding which section of the law pertains to our Home Rule Petition. There were questions on whether one of our Representatives was not in favor of Granby's Home Rule Petition. Atty Panos will finish the wording for the petition and give it to Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin will then give the finished petition to Cindy Watson and Bill Parent to take and get signatures from the Fire District 2 residents in Granby.

Accounting Services: Mr. Barry asked for an update on what the Board wanted to do with the accounting services for the town. Mr. Bail said that he did not see any problems with looking elsewhere. He did say that if we were to sign a contract with the HCOG that we should have an explicit description of what we expect from them. Mary McDowell suggested an exit clause if they do not live up to the contract. Mr. Martin was concerned if they changed the price from what Mr. Martin was quoted in April, as that is what is budgeted for in FY-14 for the town. Mr. Martin told the Board that the Town should purchase the accounting software as this would make the School side and Town side would be on the same set of books. It also gives a DESI report that the school needs for reporting issues. The Board is interested in starting talks with the School Superintendent about combining financial services. Mr. Barry has talked to someone from the eastern part of the State to come in to do our accounting services for 9-months. The Board is willing to talk other parties interested in doing our accounting services.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 6:55PM and turn the floor over to the West Street School Building Committee for 7:00 pm.