



# TOWN OF GRANBY

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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: December 2, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

## **AGENDA:**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

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

Tax Title Custodian

### **APPROVE MINUTES:**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

6:35 Town Treasurer-Note #440

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

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrant
- 3 Correspondence from Library Building Committee Chair
- 4 Approve and Sign 2014 Annual Liquor License Renewals
- 5 Approve and Sign 2014 Common Victuallar's Licenses
- 6 Approve and Sign 2014 Automatic Amusement License
- 7 Approve and Sign 2014 Entertainment Licenses
- 8 Sign First Right Refusal Carver Street (Map 16-B-7)
- 9 Municipal Aggregation
- 10 HCOG Contract

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**



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## Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2013

Members Present:

Mark Bail, Mary McDowell and Louis Barry, 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".

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

*Joanne Gagnon-Landfill:* Ms. Gagnon would like to know what is going to happen with regards to the landfill and the residents being able to get rid of their trash, as the transfer station is closing on December 31.

- Board has been working on this for the past year or more. They were under the impression that the Town would have 90-days after the closing to use the transfer station. We were informed about a month ago that that was not the case and December 31 the Town was done.
- The Town Administrator (TA) has put forward a Request for Proposals (RFP) for town wide pick-up. Thirteen Packets were mailed. They are due on December 10. The bag program and user fee will fund the program totally.
- The Board did not look at having a town transfer station as it would be too costly and the process could take up to three years to get approved by DEP.
- The TA also has had conversations with the South Hadley TA and Highway Superintendent indicating that they would be willing to have a roll-off container for the Town of Granby at their landfill one-day week until middle of March. They would keep the recycling money and we would pay for the disposal of the roll-off. They also have been talking about a two-town wide pick-up for a better price.
- Today Waste Management also suggested that they would be willing to run just the transfer station for the Town of Granby for a price. The Board will be discussing that later in the meeting.
- No matter what the option is, the blue bags will still be used at least until March 2014
- A lot of issues to take in so that we get the best deal for the town residents
- Any curbside pick-up will be paid by the consumer, no money in the town budget
- Residents do not have to go with who the town decides on.
- The Select Board will keep the residents informed on any decisions made concerning the landfill closing.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION**

*Departmental Reports:* On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously accepted the departmental warrants as read. (3-0-0)

*Maintenance Warrant:* On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the maintenance warrants. (3-0-0)

*2014 ABCC Licenses:* On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to grant the off premise license renewal applications to: (3-0-0)

- Polvick Liquors Inc. d/b/a Vickers Liquors 367 East State Street
- Granby Liquors Store 60 West State Street
- SKS Store Inc. d/b/a Summit General Store 102 New Ludlow Road

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to grant the on- premise license renewal applications to:

- Martidis Pizza Inc. d/b/a Pizza Palace 31 West State Street
- 266 Lounge, known as the American Legion 74 Pleasant Street

*2014 Common Victuallers:* On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously to voted approve and sign the following Common Victuallers' licenses:

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| 14-01 | PV-Chapter 8 of NAFCA                              | 104 West State Street |
| 14-02 | Granby Liquor Store                                | 60 West State Street  |
| 14-03 | 266 Lounge, known as the American Legion           | 74 Pleasant Street    |
| 14-04 | Martidis Pizza Inc. doing business as Pizza Palace | 31 West State Street  |
| 14-05 | Polvic Inc. doing business as Vicker's Liquors     | 367 East State Street |
| 14-06 | SKS Store doing business as Summit General Store   | 102 New Ludlow Road   |
- all licenses expire on December 31, 2014. (3-0-0)

*Approve and Sign 2014 Entertainment Licenses:* On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the following 2014 Entertainment Licenses:

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| 14-01 | PV-Chapter 8 of NAFCA | 104 West State Street |
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With the following stipulations:

For a Entertainment License to provide entertainment to customers as follows:

Live Entertainment consisting of a DJ or Small Bands, inside building for member events only and Live Entertainment on the patio behind main building between 12 pm and 10 pm only located at 104 West State Street, Granby MA

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| 14-02 | 266 Lounge, d/b/a American Legion | 74 West State Street |
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With the following stipulations:

For a Entertainment License to provide entertainment to customers as follows:

Live Entertainment consisting of Karaoke, DJ or Comedian, Small Bands, Mystery Dinner Theater, Singers and Piano Players to be located upstairs (no more than 96 people ) and downstairs (no- more than 80 People) of a two-story building on located on 74 Pleasant Street Granby MA.

Both Licenses expire on December 31, 2014 (3-0-0)

*Correspondence from Library Building Committee Chair:* Mary McDowell read letter from Virginia Snopek, Library Building Committee chair recognizing Town

Administrator Christopher Martin for the work he did to complete the library construction project. His help was invaluable to this building project (copy behind minutes).

Mary McDowell read letter from Virginia Snopek, Library Building Committee chair recognizing David Desrosiers for his expertise that was invaluable and his Highway Department employees for all their help to complete the library-building project. This helped lessen the cost of the project (copy behind minutes).

*Sign First Right Refusal Carver Street (Map 16-B-7):* Mary McDowell read the following: *You are hereby notified that the Town of Granby has been duly notified in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 61A of the Massachusetts General Laws, of your intention to sell land that is currently valued, assessed and taxed on the basis of its agricultural or horticultural use pursuant to said Chapter 61A, and that said land, more particularly described as follows:*

*In said Granby, County of Hampshire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and described in Deed recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book-1166, Page 128. Assessor's Map # 16-B-7. Seventy-One and Sixty-Two/100's Acres located on Carver Street in said Granby. Victor J Zielinski, c/o Anna Curski*

*Please be advised that the Town of Granby WILL NOT EXERCISE ITS OPTION to purchase said land in accordance with said Section 8 of Chapter 61, and hereby waives the one hundred twenty (120) day waiting period during which such option may be exercised.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the undersigned SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN OF GRANBY, MASSACHUSETTS, hereby set our hands and the seal of the Town this day of, 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2013.*

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board voted not to exercise their option to purchase the following 61A property: In said Granby, County of Hampshire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and described in Deed recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book-1166, Page 128. Assessor's Map # 16-B-7. Seventy-One and Sixty-Two/100's Acres located on Carver Street in said Granby. Victor J Zielinski, c/o Anna Curski. McDowell-AYE, Barry-AYE and Bail-AYE (3-0-0)

*Municipal Aggregation:* Kenneth Elstein of HCOG is asking that all communities who signed the original agreement 3-years ago for municipal electricity aggregation sign a revised agreement. The agreement was sent to the AG's office and they requested some changes. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to sign the revised Hampshire Council of Government Municipal Electricity Aggregation agreement.

*HCOG Contract:* Mark Bail and Mr. Martin met with Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Ford and Mr. Pietras and discussed scheduling (Thursdays from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM Mr. Chaffee will be in Granby) with Mr, Martin present at all times, access to accounting software outside of office was granted. We hopefully will begin using Softright the end of Jan. They had agreed they waived the clause about paying 25% more if we do not have Softright in by Jan 1 at the last meeting. Chris Martin suggests crossing out the clause and initial it on the contract. Mark Bail recommends that the Board sign the contract On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously voted to sign the amended Accounting Services Contract with HCOG for the period of July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014. (3-0-0)

## APPOINTMENTS

*Town Treasurer-Note #440:* Mr. Martin presented the refunding note for a lesser amount for the Town Treasurer. On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bail it was unanimously voted to approve note #440 in the amount of \$13,200.00 to United Bank with an annual interest rate of 0.50% payable at maturity on December 5, 2014. Board also asked Mr. Martin to send the Treasurer a letter asking for the supporting documents on who he received quotes from as he has done in the past.

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*Municipal Electricity:* Mr. Martin again asked the Board if they wanted to sign with Constellation Power for municipal electricity. They have given him a quote of 8.8 cents per kilowatt. He has not heard anything back from the HCOG. Board asked Mr. Martin to contact the HCOG one more time for a purchase price.

## OLD BUSINESS & INFORMATION

*Tax Title Custodian:* The Board asked Mr. Martin if he sent the letter to Mr. Nally about being the Tax Title Custodian, with no cost to the town. Mr. Martin said he did, a copy was in the Board's correspondence folder. He asked Mr. Nally about it and Mr. Nally said that he has not gotten to it. On a motion by Ms. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bail it was unanimously voted to appoint Louis Barry, Select Board Chair as Tax Possession Custodian for the Town of Granby with a term ending June 30, 2014. (3-0-0) • Mary McDowell wanted it known for the record that in most communities the Town Treasurer is the Tax Possession Custodian.

*LANDFILL:* Mr. Martin received a letter from Waste Management saying they would be willing to run just the transfer station for the Town of Granby for a price. Mr. Martin spoke to Tom Murray, who was reluctant to say how much it would cost without confirming with his bosses. Basic information was as follows:

- **Option # 2** -use the temporary transfer station run by Waste Management in Granby for a cost somewhere between \$12,000 -\$18,000 a month
- Continue to be open to residents on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until June 30, 2014
- Continue use of the recycling area
- Disposal fee unknown at this time (all depends on the tonnage) Recyclables + municipal waste will determine the cost.
- Recycling revenue goes to the town now, but would go to Waste Management as of Jan 1
- **Option # 1**- use South Hadley's transfer station on Sundays only from 8 am- 3 pm starting Jan 5 and ending March 9
- Cost of disposal \$60 a ton and \$4,800 a month, Rent roll-off containers \$150 per month-2 containers
- 2 monitors from Granby and 3 monitors from South Hadley every Sunday
- \$175.00 hauler fee for recycling to MURF in inclement weather

Board will post a meeting for 6:00 PM on December 11 to go over the RFP's received and other options for the town as of Jan 1, 2014 for Municipal Solid Waste. The meeting

will be at the Senior Center. Mary McDowell asked Mr. Martin to email Tom Murray and ask about adding another roll-off container for recyclables as Craig LaFortune, Landfill Monitor for the town says one is not enough and over flows to the regular trash that is collected in the blue bags.

- *Building Inspector Position:* Two names forwarded to Mr. Martin from the Building Screening Committee. There were four applications returned. Mr. Martin will hold interviews with the two candidates at the end of the week.

- *District #2 Update:* Chief Anderson and TA Martin attended the meeting at the OMES office in Northampton. The result of the meeting with them and SHFD-2 was to have the two Fire Chiefs work with Police Chief Wishart on a procedure for dispatching. The three chiefs have come up with a written policy. The OMES office also suggested that a consultant be hired by both parties to handle the dual response issue. Review the procedure and make suggestions.

- Mary McDowell wanted to make sure that she had the right answer to an email she received. Is it correct that in the deed it says that Aldrich Hall cannot be sold? Do we have any documentation that supports that? If so, can you please scan it and send it to her email address. If there is not written documentation please get clarification from Town Council concerning the property. Martin Merrill said the house was suppose to disappear and the land used for a municipal building.

- Noted that the Dinosaur located on Route 202 in front of Dufresne Park was stolen.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*None*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Leonard  
Town Administrator's Secretary