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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: March 18, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

Discussion of the organization of Parks
Tangent Contract

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

6:35 STEVE NALLY-BOND RATING

6:45 LARRY PIETRAS- GRANBY CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:00 CHRIS HEILMAN-NE CHEVY/GMC TRUCK MEET- DUFRESNE PARK

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve & Sign Common Victuraller's License
- 4 Set Fees for 2013 for Dufresne Park Use
- 5 Amend and Approve new motion to retain Attorney August for Cable Contract
- 6 Approve Personnel By-law updates and schedule by-law hearing
- 7 Appoint School Building Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2013

Members Present:

Mark Bail and Louis Barry. Christopher Martin, TA

Mr. Barry, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Tim Bai Rossi, led the meeting with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Replaced Dump Sticker: Mr. Glinka and his wife went to Florida and while down there, renewed their dump sticker. They sent the check and the Landfill office did receive it. However, the Glinka’s never received their dump sticker. They needed to come to the Select Board and discuss the matter to see if they can get a replacement. On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Louis Barry, the Board unanimously voted to replace the dump sticker at no cost to the citizen.

Steve Nally: Mr. Nally discussed with the Board the bond rating by The Standard and Poor. The rating is AA. That is good news, however, he warns the Board of the three reasons that the bond rating might change in the future. One: cash surplus. Two: debt will probably grow. Three: possibly obtaining GASBY 45 retirement benefits. The GASBY 45 is a government accounting board to record all liabilities to retirees. The study that has to be done and the actual program would probably cost thousands of dollars. Mr. Nally thanked Mr. Martin, Town Administrator and Mr. Libera, Finance Committee, Chair for their help and direction for the town, which he believes help get town the AA rating.

Comcast Cable Contract: Larry Pietras of the Granby Cable TV Advisory Committee came forward to remind the Board that they need to have an ascertained public hearing by May 14th. This needs to be sponsored by either the issuing authority or the Cable TV Advisory Committee. Mr. Pietras would like to have the hearing on either April 25th or May 1st /2nd. Mr. Pietras said that the Cable Committee would like to keep retaining the services of Atty. August for negotiating the new contract with Comcast. This contract would be for the years 2015-2025. He would like to have the hearing in a big enough area for plenty of chairs. For example, a cafeteria or the Council of Aging’s meeting room. As for Atty. August, there was disussion with him as to the cost of his services. The present agreed amount is; up to \$18,000 for three years. The \$.50 per user fee from Comcast goes into a fund each year and goes towards paying the Atty. fees.

Granby Community Access and Media can legally make a donation to pay for the rest of this bill. The taxpayers of this town will not pay a dime.

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously voted to keep Atty. August for the negotiations for the 2015-2025 contract with Comcast and the Town of Granby.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Tim Bai Rossi a Boy Scout in the Town of Granby working on his Eagle Scout badge and is requesting permission from the town, for the Boy Scouts, to build a campsite at Dufresne Park. It would be located on the Taylor Street side near the horse corrals. There was discussion about the location. The Board likes the idea, but more specifics are needed. The Board suggests that he meets with the Conservation Commission first. In addition, a Park Board is being appointed and they will have to be aware of this project and the Fire Department will need to write out a fire permit. Mr. Bai Rossi will return to the Board when he has a more complete plans and approval from the other Boards.

CHRIS HEILMAN-NE CHEVY/GMC TRUCK MEET- DUFRESNE PARK: Chris Heilman & Franklin Lutwinas spoke to the Board about the Chevy/GMC Truck Show they would like to have at Dufresne Park on August 3rd thru 4th. The truck show would be using the side of Dufresne Park with the pavilion, parking lot, and gazebo. This would be a static show; meaning, no moving cars on the field. This appears to be a popular event for older men. Mr. Barry said that the only last minute issues with this project is that Chief Anderson of the Fire Department needs to okay a open fire pit permit if one is being used and there will be no alcohol at this event and that form needs to be filled out. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to allow the event for August as long as they had all proper paperwork handed in and signed. They also allowed them to pay at the 2012 rates.

Departmental Reports: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to approve and sign the departmental reports.

Maintenance Warrants: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to approve and sign the maintenance warrants.

Common Victualler's License: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to approve and sign the following common victualler's licenses to expire on December 31, 2013.

13-24	Gunks Holding Corp. (BP Gas Station)	31 West State Street
13-25	Joyrides LLC, Happy Days Family Fun Time,	172 West State Street

Personnel By-laws: Over the past couple months, the Select Board and the Labor Council both made some suggestions for changes to the by-laws. The board had wanted to look at it one more time before approving it. On Wednesday, the Personnel Board will be meeting with all the employees that the by-laws effects. They also want the board to schedule a by-law hearing, once they accept the by-laws. The Select Board was looking at April 17th for the by-laws hearing.

Fees for 2013 Use of Dufresne Park: The Select Board agreed that they will hold off on setting the fees for the park due to some of the prices being too low for campers and would like the input of the new Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee. There was discussion about whether or not Charter Days should have a charge for electricity. Mr. Martin is concerned that if the prices are raised too high than no one will come. There was some discussion about the maintenance of Dufresne Park and how to make it better.

Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointments of Paul Piquette Sr, James Pietras, and Cathy Leonard to the Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee with terms ending 6-30-2014. Nancy Hoffenberg and Ryan Merrill still need to give their decision whether or not to be on the committee. The Recreation Commission has requested that their duties be shifted over to this new committee. That will have to be done next year because they are elected officials.

Tangent Contract: Mr. Martin ran the contract past Town Council and he had no problems with the contract. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Martin to sign the proposed contract as presented to the Select Board and Town Counsel with Tangent to investigate the feasibility of a solar farm on town property.

School Building Committee: Lynn Mercier and Joe Rokowski have expressed interest in joining the committee. Mr. Bail would like to see the committee size at about 12 people. Jim Pietras and Virginia Snopek have also expressed interest in joining the committee. Mr. Bail read off what positions have not been filled, starting with the architect, engineer, and construction. They are looking for someone that has project management experience.

Local Historic District Commission: Mr. Barry spoke to James Trompke and Henry Clement. They both expressed interest in being on the Local Historic District Commission. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to appoint James Trompke and Henry Clement to the Local Historic District Commission. The to fill three years terms ending 6/30/16.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to accept the minutes for the meetings of February 4, 2013, February 25, 2013, and December 17, 2012.

Kellogg Hall: The Historical Association and Mr. Barry did a walkthrough of Kellogg Hall. They are interested in some of the items (list behind minutes). The Board would need to declare it as surplus items. Mr. Barry read some of the items. Action would need to be taken rather quickly.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of March 18, 2013 @ 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Olivia DePineo, Student Intern
Cathy Leonard, Town Administrator's Secretary