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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: April 16, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 6:31 Meet- New COA Personnel
- 6:35—Steve Nally-Note #439
- 6:40—Affirm New Call-Force Members
- 6:45 Charter Day Committee

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance
- 3 Approve & Sign Common Victuraller's Licenses
- 4 Affirm appointment for School Building Committee Member
- 5 Approve & Sign Dufresne Park Rental Permits
- 6 FY14 Budget
- 7 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2013

Members Present:

Mary McDowell, Mark Bail, and Louis Barry. Christopher Martin, TA

Mr. Barry, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the meeting with the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Mr. Barry asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing that took place yesterday in Boston.

APPOINTMENTS

New COA Personnel: Anne Andras. Council on Aging Director came forward and introduced the new outreach worker at Granby’s Council on Aging. Mary Russell will be working 10 hours a week, probably Wednesday and Thursday. She is paid through the Older American Act Outreach Grant and the State Formal Grant.

Note #439-1: Steve Nally came forward and shared Note #439-1, issued by United Bank for \$283,200 at a rate of 0.55% with a maturity date of April 23, 2014. This is a refunding note. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to approve and sign Note #439-1 of \$283,200.

Affirming New Call-Force Members: Chief Anderson came forward and introduced the new Call-Force Members. Bryant Galloway (local contractor) and Sarah Murphy (started on the EMS side). On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to affirm the new members of the Departmental Call-force Members for a terms ending 6/30/2014.

Charter Day Committee: There has been a lot of questioning as to what needs to get done for the truck pulls on Friday night of Charter Days. This year, the Truck Pull Committee wants to put down their clay and leave it there to make it permanent. It makes more of a mess to dig it back up than to leave it there. In addition, if they put the clay down and leave it there, grass can grow on it. Mr. Barry told the Truck Pull Committee that if the permanent track is approved, there could not be truck pulls every weekend, only for the one day of their Charter Day Event.

Mr. Shaheen, Chair of the Conservation Commission commented that the rest of the Commission should hear this proposal before a decision is made. Paul Piquette, member of the Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee commented that if the track has not been a problem all these years, then it should not be a problem now and that the Committee did not think a permanent track should be put in at Dufresne Park. There was discussion about other possible locations for the track. There was more discussion about the concerns of this project, including the safety.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to approve the Truck Pull Committee's proposal of creating a permanent track for the Charter Day truck pulls between the playground and the horse rings, contingent upon the Conservation Commission's approval.

Receipt Holding of Charter Day Committee: The Board requested that the Charter Day Committee meet with Steve Nally, Town Treasurer and Chief Wishart to discuss a procedure for collecting the receipts of each day of Charter Days. The head of the Charter Day Committee wanted to discuss this off camera due to security issues. A Charter Day Committee appointee will meet with Steve Nally and Chief Wishart during business hours to discuss a procedure that works best for all interested parties.

Charter Day Contracts: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to approve the contracts for Moose and the High Tops, Crazy on You, The Gemtones, David Colucci, Poppie's Concessions, advertisement on 94.7 WMAS, and Jim Moulton for the 2013 Charter Day Events. These are all one-year contracts.

While there, the Charter Day Committee was informed by the Select Board about the new camper overnight fees for the Charter Day Vendors staying at the park.

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

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

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

Common Victuraller's Licenses: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to grant Common Victuraller's Licenses to the following expiring on December 31, 2013.

13-26	Sapowsky's Farm	434 East State Street
13-27	William Mick	d/b/a Bobby's Dufresne's Park Only

School Building Committee: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to approve James Morrissey to the School Building Committee for a term ending 6/30/2014.

Dufresne's Park Rental Licenses: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted approve the below permits for the use of Dufresne Park and have the Chair sign the applications:

1. For the use of Dufresne's Park horse ring and parking area for Chris Barch and the Belchertown Equine Association for May 19, 2013 from 6am- 5pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
2. For the use of the parking area, open field, both wooded areas on either side of the open field, and pavilion to Angela Lessard for a graduation party on May 25, 2013 from 9am -10pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
3. For the use of the parking area, open field, both wooded areas on either side of the open field, and pavilion to Dorothy Tatro on Sunday June 2, 2013 from 8am-8pm for a family picnic and graduation party. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
4. For the use of the gazebo side of Dufresne's Park to the Friends of Granby's Elderly, Nancy Sedlak, for July 9, 2013 for a summer concert from 4:30pm-8pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
5. For the use of the gazebo side of Dufresne's Park to the Friends of Granby's Elderly, Nancy Sedlak, for August 13, 2013 for a summer concert from 4:30pm-8pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
6. For the use of the pavilion at Dufresne's Park to the East Meadow School, John Cavallo, for June 18, 2013 (raindate June 19, 2013) for 9am-2:30pm for the elementary school children. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
7. For the use of the Dufresne's Park horse rings and parking area to Granby Regional Horse Council of Granby, Dawn Archambeault, for a horse show on August 25, 2013 from 6:30am-5pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
8. For the use of the Dufresne's Park horse rings and parking area to Granby Regional Horse Council of Granby, Dawn Archambeault, for a horse show on June 30, 2013 from 6:30am-5pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.
9. For the use of the Dufresne's Park horse rings and parking area to Granby Regional Horse Council of Granby, Dawn Archambeault, for a horse show on September 22, 2013 from 6:30am-5pm. No police, required as they have signed off saying no liquor will be present.

Budget: Mr. Martin presented a balanced budget for fiscal year 2014 for the Town. Fiscal year 2014's budget runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Each department was requested to send in three different budgets: one with a 0% increase, one with a -5% decrease, and one with a -10% decrease for their proposed budget for FY-2014. A proposed cost of living was put in by the Personnel Board of 1.5% for all personnel under their control that also had to be incorporated into those 3 requests. Mr. Martin provided to the departments the numbers to put into the pay scale for those hourly employees. Based on the Governor's numbers and the revenue streams, Mr. Martin was able to balance the budget for the 0% increase. The Select Board needs to approve this budget, then it goes to the Finance Committee to be reviewed and then they give their blessing or other suggestions for the FY2014 budget for the Town. Mr. Martin informed the Board that after this next year, the Town of Granby would be very close to using up all our free cash balance of \$1,964,000. A small portion of the balance will be used to pay for the Special Town Meeting in June. There was a shortfall on a Capital account project of \$116,000. The Veteran Agent is requesting an additional \$30,000 for his budget due to an increased caseload over what he had budgeted for in FY-13. A few other departments are requesting supplemental budgets.

Mr. Barry asked Mr. Martin what the balances in the General Stabilization Fund, the Capital Needs Stabilization fund and the Municipal Building Stabilization fund are. Mr. Martin responded as follows: the General Stabilization Fund--\$500,000, the Capital Needs Stabilization fund-\$ 900,000 and the Municipal Building Stabilization fund-\$ 2.100.000.

There was discussion about where the funds for the new high school roof would come from. They compared the High School's situation to East Meadow and West Street.

The placement of oil tanks are at West Street School, one at East Meadow, and two are at the High School. This project encompasses both the removal and replacement of the underground oil tanks all for \$30,000/ per oil tank. There is a grant that Mr. Martin will be looking into also.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Town Administrator's budget and have him forward it on to the Finance Committee for their approval.

There was some brief discussion about whether or not Mr. Martin should have each department hand in three different budgets. The consensus is yes because everyone needs a back-up plan if numbers change.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The board members each read the articles for the annual Town Meeting that will take place on May 13, 2013 and June 17, 2013. (Warrant attached to back of minutes). While reading the articles, Mr. Martin made a few comments: Athletic Fields Article changing to Parks Revolving Fund- Article 9- This is dealing with the Athletic Fields/Gym Committee and Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee resolving and becoming one identity to deal with all parks.

1. Meal Tax -Article 10.-Mr. Martin explained that this article is if the Town of Granby will vote to have a small tax on foods at Cumberland Farms, etc., on top of the state tax already. This is for revenue purposes.
2. There was little discussion about Article 20, and the possibility of there being an expansion onto East Meadow School for West Street to move in.
3. Street Signs-Article 27-There is a new law out that says that all street signs should be visible at night from so many feet away and must be reflective.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to accept the warrant for the annual Town Meeting for May 13, 2013 and June 17, 2013.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Board of Registrars: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to affirm Jeanne Crosby to the Board of Registrars for a term ending 3/31/2016. *Both the Republic (in town) and Democratic (in town) Committee chairs were asked if they would like to supply anyone to run, but no one came forward with any names.*

Ambulance abatement requests. One is for an employee that was hurt while on the job. Their bill is \$734.74 for run number 13-20452. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to approve an abatement for bill number 13-20452 for \$734.74.

The second abatement request was a hardship application regarding ambulance run number 13-16147. Based on the family size and the money, they are eligible for an abatement of \$1,716.22. On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to approve the abatement of \$1,716.22 for the bill number 13-16147.

Mr. Martin informed the Board that the town's current water operator is no longer in business. There was discussion about other options for a new certified water operator. Mr. Martin will look at those options in more detail.

Town Administrator: There is nothing new about the Smith Avenue land. There was mention of three sections of the law. Mr. Martin just wants to talk to Ed Ryan and get clarification before saying or doing anything else.

As for the selling of Kellogg Hall, the Board needs to put stipulations on the building. The Board needs to decide what kind of business can go into Kellogg Hall. The Board also needs to send a letter to the neighbor that they can no longer get water from Kellogg Hall's well since it is being sold.

The Police Department needs to clear out their bay of the storage area behind Kellogg Hall, since that is being sold with the building.

The Board got a letter from someone concerning the Housing Authority, but they cannot respond to it because there is no name on the correspondence.

The Historical Commission has not gotten back to the Select Board about if the Board can take down Aldrich Hall.

MINUTES

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to accept the minutes for the meeting of April 1, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the board unanimously voted to accept the minutes for the meeting of March 18, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the Select Board meeting of April 16, 2013 @ 8:40 p.m.

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