



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: May 5, 2014 @ 7:15 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 7:25 Affirm Appointments to Conservation Commission & Fire Dept Safety Committee
- 7:30 Executive Session-Contracts
- 8:00 Board of Health-Presentation Abandoned Housing Initiative
- 8:15 Geoff Rogers-HCOG
- 8:30 Hecate Energy

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrants
- 3 Discuss STM & ATM Warrant Articles
- 4 Approve Dufresne Park Rentals

EXECUTIVE SESSION: M.G.L. Chapter 30-A Section 21-Sub-Paragraph 2-To conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2014

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

None

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 #0064, #0065, #0066, #0067 and #0068. (3-0-0)

Discuss STM & ATM Warrant Articles: Board discussed who will present the articles at STM and ATM on Monday May 12, 2014. The following was agreed upon:

STM

Article 1	Richard Gaj Sr
Article 2	Richard Gaj Sr
Article 3	Representative from the School Committee
Article 4	Representative from the School Committee
Article 5	Fire Chief Russ Anderson
*Article 6	Pam Desjardins, Chair Planning Board

* Mr. Martin has asked Atty. Ryan to be prepared to answer any questions concerning this article.

ATM

Article 1	Mary McDowell
Article 2	Mary McDowell
Article 3	Mary McDowell
Article 4	Lou Barry
Article 5	Lou Barry
Article 6	Lou Barry

Article 7	Mark Bail
Article 8	Mark Bail
Article 9	Representative from the Personnel Board
Article 10	Representative from the Personnel Board

David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent also gave the Board an overview of the Hook lift truck that he asking the Town to approve on the second half of the ATM on June 16. The truck will be replacing two of the current trucks (a 1972 and a 1980). This truck can be driven with a Class B license rather than a Class C, which means more highway personnel, will be able to use it.

Sign-Off on Dufresne Rentals: On a motion by Mrs. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bail, the Board voted to approve and have Mr. Barry as Chair sign the following Dufresne Park Rental permits:

4/21/14---6/24/14	Granby Recreation Commission	Field # 3	Girls-Softball
4/12/14---7/30/14	GAA	Fields # 1 & 2	Baseball
06//07/14	Watkins	Large Pavilion & Kitchen	Graduation Party
06//21/14	Collins	Large Pavilion & Kitchen	Graduation Party
06/22/14	Granby Regional Horse Council	Horse Rings	Horse Show
10/19/14	Greyhound Options	Large Pavilion & Kitchen	Reunion

These permits were approved with no alcohol on premises. (3-0-0)

APPOINTMENTS

Affirm Appointments to Conservation Commission & Fire Dept Safety Committee:

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointment of Wilmot Lewis. Mr. Lewis was recommended by the Conservation Commissioners and had been attending their meetings to get the feel of what they do. (3-0-0)

The Fire Department Safety Committee appointment was not made as the appointment was not needed as the Fire Department Union decided not to exercise this option of their contract.

Board of Health-Presentation Abandoned Housing Initiative: Julie Dares, Special Assistant Attorney General and Jason Piques, Paralegal, Abandoned Housing Initiative Trial Division gave a presentation to the Board of Health concerning the Abandoned Housing Initiative (paperwork attached to back of minutes). Dick Bombardier gave an overview of the presentation to the Select Board when they returned to regular session. The Select Board agreed that it was something the Board of Health and Building Inspector should pursue to see it can be used for some of the Town of Granby's abandoned houses.

Geoff Rogers-HCOG: Geoff Rogers of the Hampshire Council of Governments updated the Board on where the HCOG is on the Town's petition for residential and business electricity aggregation and where it is in the process to get passed by the Department of Energy Resources. They are confident that it will be approved in the next few months; they had a very successful public hearing. With that being said to move forward with the

utilities they need a signed copy of letter of request of electricity consumption information for the Town of Granby. The utilities will provide data that will enable them to seek bids for electricity contracts and mail out the state-mandated opt-out notices to customers. On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously voted to allow Christopher Martin to sign on behalf of the Granby Select Board the Letter of Authorization For The Request Of Electricity Consumption Information for the Town of Granby. (3-0-0)

Hecate Energy: Andrew Boggs, of Hecate Energy came in front of the Board to negotiate a pilot plan in lieu of taxes as they have site control of two properties for solar farms. One is located on New Ludlow Rd (Molin Property) and the other is on East State Street (FMJ Realty Property). The first step in this process is to formally ask the Select Board to approach the Select Board (which is what he is doing) asking them to put an article on the next Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting asking the Town Residents to allow the Select Board to negotiate with Hecate Energy for a pilot plan. Mr. Boggs went on to explain that solar farms are built only if all financial line items are fixed and explained why they typical negotiate a pilot plan rather than pay taxes on personal property as there are all temporary. They need the pilot plan done first before they go to Planning Board and Conservation Commission to finish the projects approvals. They hope to have all the permits done before the summer is over and to have the project finished by the end of the year. Mr. Martin told the Board that he would talk to Atty. Ryan on the wording for an article and place in on the Special Town Meeting warrant for June 16, 2014. If approved the Board would negotiate the contract and then the Board would have another STM to accept the contract.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously voted to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2014 as presented. (3-0-0)

OLD BUSINESS & INFORMATION

Closing of Roads: Highway Superintendent David Desrosiers asked Mr. Martin to ask the Board to close the following roads for construction and the use of road is at your own risk:

- 1) Baggs Hill- May 6, 2014-----July 31, 2014
Reclamation
- 2) School Street/Chicopee St/202 July 1, 20174—August 31, 2014
- 3) Cold Hill July 1, 2014-----August 31, 2014
Hot Place Recycling with Overlay Asphalt

On motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board officially closed the requested roads. (3-0-0)

Annual Memorial Day Parade: Lou Barry stated that he received a letter from the Granby Post 266, American Legion concerning the annual Memorial Day parade. It will be held on Monday May 26th. The parade will start at 9:00 am at the Immaculate Heart of

Mary Church parking lot, marching to the Boulder in the center of Town and then on to West Street Cemetery and from there by buses to the Batchelor Street Cemetery. All Select Board members plan on attending.

Aldrich Hall –Building Inspector Letter: Mr. Barry also presented to the Board a letter that he received from the Building Inspector on his findings of the Aldrich Hall building after doing an inspection. His recommendation is that it is a hazard and should be torn down.

Review RFP for Kellogg Hall: Mr. Martin told the Board that it has been posted on the town's website and in the central register and local papers. Pam Desjardins gave Mr. Martin wording that she wanted to include in the RFP and he sent it out with those changes. Bids are due May 31, 2014.

Future of the Landfill Committee: Mr. Barry would like this on the next agenda. Mr. Bail has names of residents who would like to serve on this committee and will pass them along to Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin will also ask if the Board of Health would like a representative on the Committee.

Computer Desks: Mr. Barry told the Board that the Library Committee received 26 used computer desks and has 18 left over and would like them to be declared surplus and would like to let everyone know they are for sale. The proceeds would go to the library's capital project fund. On motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board declared 18 computer desks from the Library surplus items and all monies from the sale will be deposited into the Library Capital Project Fund.

Tax Title Property: Lou Barry acting as the town's Tax Title Custodian updated the Board on one property that was pulled of 9.1 acres that is located behind Smith Ave properties located on the westerly side. It is a long narrow strip that runs behind the properties. It was pulled because the attorney could not find any records of ownership. It will probably take a Title Examiner to do research on the property to be able to sell it. He has been approached by residents on Smith Ave that they would like to buy the property. Mr. Barry is waiting to see what the cost of the Title Examiner will be.

Old Carnegie Hall Building: Mary McDowell asked if the building was ready to be used. Mr. Martin told her that Planning Board and Conservation Commission file cabinets and records were moved today, waiting to have keys made. A use policy by the Board needs to be approved. Mr. Martin will send a formal letter to Mr. Larry Pietras, GCAM stating at this time the building is being used for Town Board's and Committee's use and is not available to rent or for sale. However, they would encourage them to use the garage's behind Kellogg Hall if it sells and is in private hands. Mr. Martin will write a letter and run it by Mr. Barry to sign.

Correspondence: Mary McDowell asked about the correspondence from the Personnel Board concerning a Highway issue. Mr. Martin said that he and Mr. Desrosiers and he are

working on wording for a new uniform policy for the Highway Department and hope to get it done for the Board's next meeting.

Granby PM Club request to get on the Board's agenda either May 20th or June 2nd, Mr. Martin has placed them on the Board's May 20th agenda. This meeting is to discuss the future of Granby Tree Lightning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *M.G.L. Chapter 30-A Section 21-Sub-Paragraph 2-To conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel.* On motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mark Bail it was unanimously voted to go into executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30-A Section 21-Sub-Paragraph 2-To conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel and return to regular session when done. Louis Barry, Aye, - Mark Bail, Aye – Mary McDowell, Aye. (7:30 PM) Board returned to regular session at 8:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary