



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 20, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPROVE MINUTES:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 6:45 Granby PM Club-Annual Tree Lighting Ceremonies
- 7:00 Affirm appointments to Municipal Solid Waste Planning Ad-Hoc Committee
- 7:15 Finance Committee
- 7:45 Highway Superintendent-Proposed Highway Uniform Policy

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Reorganization
- 2 Accept Departmental Reports
- 3 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrant-#
- 4 Sign-Off on Dufresne Rentals
- 5 Approve and sign Entertainment License Request
- 6 Approve Carnegie Building Use & Rules form
- 7 Approve and sign Common Victuallers' License Request
- 8 Special Town Meeting Warrant for June 16

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Members Present: Louis Barry, Mary McDowell, Mark Bail
Christopher Martin, Town Administrator

Chairman, Mr. Barry, called the meeting to order at 6:30 and led the board in the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

NEW BUSINESS

Reorganization: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously appointed Mark Bail as chairman of the Select Board. (3-0-0)

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Mark Bail, the Board unanimously appointed Lou Barry as clerk of the Select Board. (3-0-0)

Departmental Reports: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the departmental reports as submitted. (3-0-0)

Maintenance Warrant: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved and signed the maintenance warrant. (3-0-0)

Entertainment Licenses: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board approved an Entertainment license for Red Fire Farm, 107 Carver Street, for a DJ or live band for August 23, 2014 from 12pm-5pm. (3-0-0)

On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board approved an Entertainment license for the Dinosaur Festival, State Street, on September 13, 2014 (rain date September 14th) and waived the license fee (non-profit). (3-0-0)

Common Victualler’s License: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the Common Victualler’s license, with fee of \$25.00, to Sapowsky’s Farm on East State Street. (3-0-0)

On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the Common Victualler's license, with fee of \$25.00, for Virginia Longo, doing business as Ginger's Picnic Basket for Charter Days. (3-0-0)

ATM Warrant: The Board decided to meet on May 28, 2014 to discuss and potentially approve the Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants for June 16, 2014. (3-0-0)

Minutes: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously accepts the minutes for the May 5, 2014 meeting as submitted. (3-0-0)

Carnegie Building Use & Rules form: The Board went over the Carnegie Building Use & Rules form submitted by Lou Barry. The following amendment to be included: "Check with the Town Administrator for availability times". There was discussion if both the upstairs and the downstairs can be used for meeting areas. The Board agreed to allow all Town Committees to meet downstairs as well. The form is attached at the back of these minutes. (3-0-0)

One Year Charter Day Entertainment Contracts:

Janet Ryan & Straight Up for \$1000 on Friday June 13, 2014
2pm-5pm with a break.

William O'Halloran Band for \$400 on Sunday June 15, 2014 12pm-2pm.

Matthew Simpson "Crazy On You" for \$1500 on Saturday June 14, 2014
*pm-11pm with a break for the fireworks.

Tommy Whalen and the Ragged Edge for \$700 on June 14, 2014 from 5:30pm-7:30pm
with a break.

Tunes for Charity for \$700 on June 14, 2014 from 2pm-4:30pm.

Seven Bridges Road for \$1200 on June 13, 2014 from 5pm-7:30pm.

On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the one year Charter day entertainment contracts as listed above. (3-0-0)

Curbside Pick up: The landfill is officially closing on May 31, 2014 and curbside pick up will begin the next week. There was discussion about putting a dumpster at Granby Heights so the garbage pick-up could go smoother. There was discussion of doing the same thing for the apartments on Pleasant Street.

There was discussion about the garbage company, could potentially give us money to have the Girl Scouts and/or the Boy Scouts clean up trash around town. There was further discussion about the process of curbside pick up. It is single stream recycling. Town Hall is giving out recycling bins and recycling stickers to those citizens of Granby who have a second recycling container. A handout is being mailed to all Granby residents about the schedule of curbside pick up. If residents already have a private contract with a different trash company, they are still allowed to use town pick-up, but they need a separate trash bin for their scheduled day, so they will know to pick it up. There was discussion regarding the use of Belchertown's transfer station.

APPOINTMENTS

Granby PM Club: Sheryl Brown of the Granby PM Club came to ask the Selectboard for an alternative site for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony because Kellogg Hall is potentially being sold. There was discussion about having the new site be at one of the following locations: Aldrich Hall, the new Library, old Library, the Town Common. The Town Boulder was agreed on the spot that should not be pursued. The Select Board will get back to the Granby PM Club.

Municipal Solid Waste Planning Ad-Hoc Committee: On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of John McGreevy, Martin Conway, Mary McDowell, Jay Joyce, Wilmont Lewis, Joe Furnia, Pro-Tem Chair, Elaine LaFleur, and a Board of health member to be named to the Municipal Solid Waste Planning Ad-Hoc Committee for a term ending June 30, 2015. (3-0-0)

There was discussion about the upcoming year timeline for the committee. September, the Committee needs to inform the Town administrator of any projects. December, the Committee needs to meet with the Selectboard to give an update. February, the Committee needs to write a summary for the Annual Report. May, the Committee must have a final report for the Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee chairman, John Libera, has come to inform the Select Board what the town's finances are since the override passed and the landfill is set to close on May 31, 2014. Revenue this year was higher than it was last year. A good portion of this is due to the state's contributions and the new meals tax that we voted in last year. Mr. Libera continued to explain his report of the town's budget and the school's cut on their expenses. Both the School and the Capital Expenditures warrant articles are down. Meaning, the amount of money being requested in warrant articles has decreased since last year. This year, the Finance Committee rejected all requests for more staff due to the lack of new revenue for next year and no one wants yet another override.

There was a lot of discussion about how the Finance Committee is faced with the task of telling each department that there is not enough money when every department wants more staff or more equipment. The Finance Committee believes that their Committee is there for economic reasons, not to settle political battles over who spends their money where. The Finance Committee believes that task should fall on the Select Board because the Select Board has the power to make those decisions.

Mr. Libera made the statement that our town has two options: Do business differently or don't do business at all. The town has no money to retry how our town has been running, so they need to try something different.

There was much more discussion over the mixing of departments on projects, how to bill these projects, and how the departments are going to get by with limited staff and limited money. Both the Select Board and the Finance Committee agreed that the Town of Granby needs more efficiency when it comes to spending money and running each department.

There was discussion about finding a Committee of people to find new sources of revenue for the Town of Granby.

Highway Superintendent-Proposed Highway Uniform Policy: Dave Desrosiers, head of the Highway Department, brought the new uniform policy for the Highway Department in front of the Select Board. Every year, the Town of Granby has given the Highway Department employees \$300 to purchase appropriate clothing. Since the new uniform policy is being put in place, Mr. Martin has increased the stipend to \$500 for each full-time employee.

The Select Board asked Mr. Desrosiers to amend his policy to say “All seasonal employees are exempt from this policy.”

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Board unanimously approved the Highway Department Uniform Policy with the amendment “All seasonal employees are exempt from this policy.” (3-0-0)

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Board unanimously approved the clothing allowance from \$300 to \$500 for the Highway Department full-time employees. (3-0-0)

There was a lot of discussion about how there is a shortage of staff and using equipment for a few too many years. During Town Meeting there is an option of the town buying a truck, hiring another Highway Department staff member, or both. The Finance Committee has tried to cut the money to pay another staff member, but two of the Selectmen wish for the Highway Department to get both.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Aldrich Hall: The Building Inspector states that the building is a health hazard and should be torn down. The Historic District needs to give an answer as to if the Select Board can go ahead and tear down the Aldrich Hall building. The chairman of the Historic District said that an engineering study needs to get done before the final answer can be made. The Select Board decided to send them a letter requesting a final decision within 30-days.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Barry states that he would like to see a Committee made of different people from different Committees to look into commercial business development of Granby. This Committee could look into the different levels of commercial business developments to see if this is the path the Town of Granby wants to go down.

Tax Title Auction: Mr. Barry talked to Atty. Siddall and the auction will hopefully be held on June 21st or 28th. This week the information should be sent out to the abutters.

Further Reorganization: The Selectmen discussed switching liaison positions since they switched roles on the Board.

Louis Barry-
Mark Bail-
Mary McDowell-

Building Inspector and Highway Superintendent
Town Administrator and Police Chief
COA Director and Fire Chief

Debriefing on Community Brush Pile: People should be allowed to dump for a certain time period and then the Highway Department can chip it until they are done. Stumps and plastic bags are not allowed. There needs to be some limitations on the lengths of the branches. There was discussion on making sure it is Granby residents bringing their brush. Mr. Martin recommends that a police officer check IDs. There was more discussion over different ways of enforcing the use of the brush pile (and the hazard waste day) strictly to Granby residents.

Kellogg Hall Window: The second floor window on the Kellogg Hall has been broken and Mary McDowell would like it fixed immediately.

On a motion by Lou Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia DePino, Clerk
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary