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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: May 28, 2014 @ 5:15 P.M.

AGENDA:

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CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Approve and Sign June 16 STM Warrant
- 2 Approve and Sign PVPC DLTA
- 3 Approve and Sign Sewer Commitment
- 4 Approve and Sign HCOG Bids
- 5 Approve and Sign SMRF Municipal Agreement

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2014

Members Present:

Mark Bail, Mary McDowell and Louis Barry, Others Present: Christopher Martin

Mark Bail, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. and led the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Paul, Granby Country Grain, raised the issue to the Select Board that he does not get any profits from selling the official Town of Granby blue garbage bags. Also, Country Grain is paying the taxes for the town wide solid waste pick up, yet he is not allowed to use it because he is a business owner. The Select Board has tried to talk to Republic Services about commercial dumpsters reduced costs, but they only do residential pick up. There is no legal way to allow Country Grain to abate taxes. The Board will take everything he has mentioned under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

June 16 STM Warrant:

Article 1: *To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume I by inserting Chapter I-a TOWN MODERATOR, or take any other action in regards thereto.* Mr. Martin, the Town Administrator, will be looking to enter a new bylaw under the section of Town Meeting. This new section will allow the Town Meeting Moderator to have a term of three years. For this section to become active, the town needs to have a "Bylaw Hearing". This will take place on June 2nd at 7:15 P.M.

Article 2: *To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22F and amending the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume I by deleting Section 2 of Chapter XVIII FEES, or take any other action in regards thereto.* Bylaw change will be to delete the section of Sealers of Weights and Measures and accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F. Those provisions give the Board of Selectmen the ability to set the fees for services themselves. This change was on suggestion of Ed Ryan, the Town Counsel. Mr. Martin went on to explain that for the

past many years, Granby has been using Northampton's Sealer of Weights and Measures and now Northampton wants to enter an inter-municipal contract with Granby for these services. The cost of these services is \$2730 for an annual contract for the Town of Granby. As part of that contract, Northampton proposed a set of fees to go along with it. By deleting the Sealers of Weights and Measures section, the Town of Granby will be able to approve their own fees in order to cover the Sealers Weights and Measures' charges, but without having to make a bylaw change every time.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate a Payment In Lieu Of Tax (PILOT) agreement with Hecate Energy, or take any other action in regards thereto. Allow the Board to have Town Meeting authorize the Select Board to negotiate a pilot agreement with Hecate Energy. The Dept. of Revenue has just released an informational guide to evaluation and taxation of electric generating properties. Once an agreement has been reached, it must come back to Town Meeting to finalize it. The Board decided to amend this statement by saying "...the Select Board or their designees..."

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,839, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a handheld GPS unit hardware and software for the Highway Department, or take any other action in regard thereto. Approve the payment to replace Dave Desrosier's GPS system that is used to find sewer systems.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,785, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing computers, or take any other action in regards thereto. Approve a grant of \$14,000 for new government used computers.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Contract Services account number 01-135-5301-000 to Full-Time Wages account number 01-135-5112-000 the sum of \$7,500, or take any other action in regards thereto. Reclassifying contract services to wages to keep the bookkeeping internal instead of contracting out to the HCOG. This will avoid any audit issues as well.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Gasoline account number 01-194-5480-000 to Electricity account number 01-193-5211-000 the sum of \$15,000, or take any other action in regards thereto. Transferring the spending authority of access money in Chris Martin's gaseoline account to his electricity account to pay for the new library's electric bill.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Diesel account number 01-194-5481-000 to Propane/Gas account number 01-193-5212-000 the sum of \$15,000, or take any other action in regards thereto. Transferring the spending authority of access money in Chris Martin's diesel account to the propane and gas account to pay for the new library's heating bill and the extremely cold/ long winter Granby had caused the bill for the Highway Dept and the Dog Pound to go up.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Diesel account number 01-194-5481-000 to Telephone account number 01-196-5342-000 the sum of \$8,300, or take any other action in regards thereto. Transferring the spending authority of access money in Chris Martin's diesel account to the telephone account to pay for the second charges from Comcast. That is not a lasting payment because Mr. Martin is still currently in negotiations with Comcast to get an appropriate refund.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overtime account number 01-423-5131-000 to Part-Time Wages account number 01-420-5120-000 the sum of \$10,000, or take any other action in regards thereto. Transferring the spending authority of access money in the Overtime account to Part-Time Wages account.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$350 from Telephone account number 01-212-5342-000 and \$350 from Office Supplies account number 01-212-5420-000 to Full-Time Wages account number 01-212-5112-000, or take any other action in regard thereto. Transfer \$350 from the Telephone account and \$350 from Office Supplies account to Full-Time Wages account.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,115, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Select Board expense budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regards thereto. Appropriate \$3, 115, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Select Board's expense budget for FY2014.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,100, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Computer expense budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regards thereto. Appropriate \$8,100, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Computer expense budget for the FY2014.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,430, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Legal Services expense budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regards thereto. Appropriate \$5,430, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Legal Services expense budget for the FY2014. \$17,000 was spent of Town Council with the South Hadley Fire District 2 issue alone.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$16,854, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Public Buildings expense budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regards thereto Appropriate \$16,854, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Public Buildings expense budget for the FY2014. This is made up of \$4,700 for shutting down Kellogg Hall and preparing the building for sale. And building repairs is over spent by about \$12,000.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or

transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,800, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Police Department Personal Services budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regard thereto Appropriate \$6,800, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Police Department Personal Services expense budget for the FY2014.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,767, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the repair of the Pleasant Street culvert, or take any other action in regard thereto. Appropriate \$17,767, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the repair of the Pleasant Street culvert.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$23,429, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Worker Compensation budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regard thereto. Appropriate \$23,429, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Worker Compensation budget for the FY2014. One person got hurt on the job and then the Town's Experience rating skyrocketed. Therefore the premiums went up. It is similar to car insurance premiums going up after a car accident. There was discussion about these people filing Worker Compensations going to safety courses.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$32,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Ambulance Department Personal Services budget for FY2014, or take any other action in regard thereto. Appropriate \$32,000, or a greater or lesser amount, to pay for the Ambulance Department Personal Service expense budget for the FY2014.

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Select Board unanimously approved the June 16th STM Warrant with exception to see the change in Article 1 to say "...the Select Board or their designees...". (3-0-0)

Sewer Commitments: Approve & Sign Sewer Fee Warrant No.-14-2: On a motion by Mrs. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Barry, the Board unanimously voted to approve and sign Sewer Warrant No.-14-2 dated May 28, 2014 in the amount of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five dollars and Fifty Cents (\$113,475.50) to be billed to all persons known to be liable for Sewer Use Fees, collected by the Town Collector and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Mr. Martin is trying to schedule Mr. Tom Scanlon Jr., to come to the Board's regular meeting on June 2, 2014 to explain the town's current sewer predicament.

PVPC DLTA: Mr. Martin was contacted by Joshua Garcia, Municipal Services Coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, wanting to know if Granby wanted to participate in a study to see if they can come up with the solution as to how to fix the shortage of Municipal Accountants in the eastern part of Massachusetts. The

District Local Technical Assistance is a program that can be used as a local wide accounting program. This study will cost the town (\$187.50 in-kind) Mr. Martin's time to answer some questions and do some research. Mr. Martin stated that he thinks this program will be worth it. Mr. Martin's only foreseeable problem is the travel time between communities for the proposed Accountant.

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the board unanimously approved to authorize Mark Bail to sign the PVPC DLTA. (3-0-0)

HCOG Bids: Dave Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent ask Mr. Martin to award the following HCOG bids:

Bid # 1060 for FY15

High Performance Cold Patch to Ted Ondrick at \$106/ton

Delivered 3/4" Trap Rock to Ted Ondrick at \$1445/ton

1 1/2" Trap Rock to Ted Ondrick at \$1415/ton

Trap Rock and Rip Rock Gravel to Ted Ondrick at \$1180/ton

Pea Stone Picked-up 3/4" Trap Rock to John S. Lane at \$1120/ton

1 1/2" Trap Rock picked up at \$1090/ton to John S. Lane

Trap Rock and Rip Rock Gravel picked up by Ted Ondrick at \$835/ton

Washed Winter Sand to Delta at \$840/ton

3/4" Dense Sprayed Pea Stone to John S. Lane at \$935/ton.

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Board unanimously approved the HCOG bids as presented by Town Administrator Chris Martin and recommend by David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent. (3-0-0)

Bid # 1061 for FY15

Hot Mix Asphalt to Palmer Paving for \$486,050-Total Contractual Value In-Place

Hot Mix Asphalt Picked-Up to Lane Construction Co. \$68/ton

Full-depth road reclamation with calcium chloride to Murray at \$.0695/sq yard.

Bituminous Concrete Excavation by Planer (Milling) hauling away all milling material by contractor Garrity, \$1.35/sq yard

Planed material by contractor hauled within town limits, Garrity, at \$1.60/sq yard

Planed material loading onto town dump trucks by Garrity at \$1.05/sq yard.

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Board unanimously approved the HCOG bids as presented by Town Administrator Chris Martin and recommend by David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent. (3-0-0)

SMRF Municipal Agreement: Springfield Municipal Recycling Facility has been contacted by DEP concerning the change in who is handling our recycling materials. The Town of Granby needs to sign the new agreement (stating that Republic Services will be bringing the TOG's recycling material to the SMRF) in order for Granby to continue to use the SMRF for our recycling. The checks on the recyclables will probably go down because the town has moved to a single stream which results in a more expensive process to break down.

On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the board unanimously approved and signed the SMRF Agreement. (3-0-0)

Charter Days Contract: The contract between "BadMagick" and Charter Day Committee

(Town of Granby) for June 13th, 2014 at 8PM for two, one-hour sets for \$500 was presented to the Board by the Town Administrator. This is a one-year contract. On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Board unanimously signed the amended (crossing out supplying them alcohol) contract between "BadMagick" and the Charter Day Committee (Town of Granby).

Sign-Off on Dufresne Rentals: On a motion by Mary McDowell, seconded by Lou Barry, the Board unanimously approved the application of Mary-Lynn Bliss for the Dufresne Small Pavilion Rental on Saturday May 31, 2014. This permit was approved with no alcohol on premises. (3-0-0)

Business Curbside Collection: Many businesses are contacting the Select Board to have their trash picked up curbside. The Select Board will be making plans to meet with Terry, from Republic Services to talk about this as the contract/RFP was strictly for residential waste.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Lou Barry it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 6:50 PM. (3-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia, Depino
and
Cathy Leonard,
Town Administrator's Secretary