



TOWN OF GRANBY

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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

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

Board Meeting: September 15, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES: *SEPTEMBER 2, 2014*

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

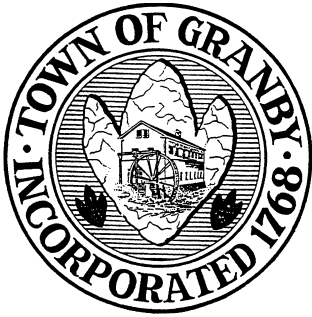
- 6:35 Accept Resignation and Affirm Appointment on West Street School Building Committee
- 6:40 Affirm Appointment - Associate Member Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee
- 6:45 BEN WRIGHT-KESTREL TRUST
- 7:00 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
- 7:30 Municipal Solid Waste Ad-Hoc Committee

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrant- #16, 17, 18
- 3 Approve and Sign Dufresne Park Applications
- 4 Award Winter Rock Salt –Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Minutes of Select Board on September 15, 2014

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

Chairman, Mark Bail, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Board in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

B.Y.O.B. licensing: Mr. Barry updated the Board on B.Y.O.B. licensing. He thought the Board had to enact a bylaw, that was incorrect. The Board can adopt a policy as to any/all restrictions and regulations for business. He could only find one from New Bedford and Chief Wishart also looked and could not find any in this area. Mr. Barry felt that the reason was because it has not come up in the surrounding towns. Mr. Barry is willing to write a draft policy for the Board, he will reference other towns policy if applicable.

SHFD2: Mr. Bail updated the Board that he received correspondence from Michael Quesnel, a resident of the District asking "when was the Board going to address the "Granby Service Zone Plan" as other residents have told him that they are not happy with it. Mr. Bail told him that the first step should be that we meet with our State Reps, and District Two and start working on getting on the same page. He also told him that if there were any changes they would not be immediately forth worth and did not mean that they would happen as OMES has a role in it being approved. The Board would like Mr. Martin to send a letter to our State Representatives with a date and time to have them facilitate a meeting with both towns giving their perspectives of the situation. Mr. Barry stated that this is a regulatory issue not a political issue. Mr. Bail is hoping to come away with common ground from the first meeting. They will try to have the meeting on neutral territory and on a Board meeting night before the end of October. The Board will hold their regular meeting earlier.

Dog Issue-Burnett St: No updates at this time, Chris Martin told the Board that he was waiting to hear back from Town Council concerning Agricultural standards before he sends a letter out.

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mark Bail the Board approved the minutes of September 2, 2014 as presented. Mary McDowell abstained from voting as she was not present at the meeting. (2-0-0)

APPOINTMENTS

Accept Resignation and Affirm Appointment on West Street School Building Committee: The Board accepted a letter of resignation from Jonathan Cavolho from the West Street School Building Committee due to time constraints. On a motion by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointment of Deborah Barthelette, (Principle of West Street School) by the Town Administrator to the West Street School Building Committee with a term expiring on 06/30/15. (3-0-0)

Affirm Appointment – Associate Member Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee: On a motion by Mr. Bail and seconded by Mr. Barry the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointment of Kimberly Myers by the Town Administrator as an Associate Member to the Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee with a term expiring on 06/30/15. (3-0-0)

BEN WRIGHT-KESTREL TRUST: Mr. Wright for Kestrel Trust has been working with the Phelps Family on putting Conservation Restriction on their land on Batchelor Street (connects with the Holyoke Range). The land currently is in Chapter 61 or Chapter 61-B and is about 150 acres. The Kestrel Trust would like the Town of Granby/Conservation Commission to be the back-up owner in case they go belly-up (not that they will). The Trust has been in contact with the Conservation Commission also. This meeting is more of a heads-up; the final contract has not been drawn up yet. They should be done in the next month or two. The Select Board gave their blessing for the proposed purchase. Mr. Wright will send the final copy to the Town for Town Council to review before signatures are needed.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: Michael Beck, Chair and Dave Carmen, member of the Historic District Commission spoke with the Board with regards to Aldrich Hall. The Board is looking for an update on the status of their request for the demolition of Aldrich Hall. The Historic District Commission (HDC) says they need more information to be able to make a decision. They did a walk through with the current Building Inspector and did not think it was any immediate danger of falling down. Mr. Beck also stated the following: * roof was in good shape *Good bone structure *Septic System is okay *floors are a little off * water has some bacteria, but is fixable, with that being said what is the real purpose for wanting to knock down the building? The building is historical and is within the historic district itself.

Mr. Carmen spoke about the letters that were written by the two Building Inspector's: * Asked if the building was occupied at this point in time. Board said it is not. * Building Code says it is not an emergency situation if the building is unoccupied. * Stated that the Building Inspector quoted the wrong text for the building code –Chapter 116 (Needs to take that up with the Building Inspector).

Mr. Beck at their HDC meeting they spoke about the code being outdated and how it was changed to so that these types of buildings could not be torn down. They could be preserved with grants and private monies. The Select Board and HDC received a letter from the Massachusetts Preservation Society saying that Aldrich Hall is a part of Granby's Historical Town center. The Town common and buildings surrounding it is a crucial part of that identity. It is the job of the Historic District Commission to protect those buildings and help preserve them. If they don't do that then are not doing their job. When he comes away from a meeting where an architect and Building Inspector says it is in no danger of falling down, he does not see why it should be torn down. He knows people want it to be torn down and say that there is no use for the building. Every building has something it can be used for. The Chair and the Committee feel that there are avenues that can be taken to keep this building that is part of the town's heritage.

Mary McDowell asked how the GHC is going to help preserve the building. If the resources are not there to fix it, it is going to deteriorate further. We have to have a commitment from the HDC to the Town to do something about it. We need a plan from your committee.

Mr. Beck said he would bring it back to his committee if the Select Board was handing over the job to the Commission.

Lou Barry said he understands Mr. Beck's prospective, but the Select Board prospective is that at Town Meeting it was voted to demolish the building and their job is to follow through with that vote. We have a responsibility as a Board also.

Mr. Beck replied that is why their Commission wants an independent study done on the building, a decision being made by an independent party. The Building Inspector should be writing a letter commenting on the amended Chapter 116 of the building code. He will also go back to his committee and ask where we as a Commission get the money to restore the building. He will report back to the Select Board as soon as he meets with his Commission and talks with them.

Mary McDowell said if the Commission is not willing to take the responsibility to fix the building they need to make the decision to have it torn down. "Please do not prolong your decision."

Municipal Solid Waste Ad-Hoc Committee: Joe Furnia, Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) went over with the Board the presentation-motion that they came up as a committee for Brush/Grass and Leaf Collection (copy located at the back of the minutes).

- As a Committee they feel that there is an immediate need for pick-up of leaves, brush and grass.
- They would like as an interim answer to the need, have the debris be dropped off at a designated place at the Highway Department.
- Would depend on what works best for the Highway Department, would only be to December, maybe Thursdays or Saturdays.

- Also need to decide how much it will cost and where the money is coming from to pay for it. (Cost of Dumpsters-Cost of Emptying Dumpsters- Highway Personnel-Cost)
- Dave Desrosiers will need to staff it at with at least 3-men working on a Saturday and two dumpsters to fill.
- Talked about getting a permit from DEP if not moving it within 7-days
- Can not use retained earnings from the Municipal Solid Waste Enterprise Fund-until certified at the end of the year. Mr. Martin cautions on using those funds.
- Use stickers at a cost to fund this program?
- Allied Waste has hauled the last two dumpsters with the debris.
- More research on cost of hauling away the debris-composting
- Submittal appropriation at May town Meeting
- Dave Desrosiers will track hours of chipping/man power, so that the Board has more information to work with for the spring.
- See if we need to go out to bid, may do better if we do a yearly contract.
- SWAC will follow up with more information on companies who will do the disposals.
- Dave Desrosiers will check with the surrounding towns with what they do with their disposals.

On a motion by Lou Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to allow up to 8 days for Brush/Grass and Leaf Collection drop-offs till December 31, 2014 for trial program, which includes costs of labor for Highway Department and costs for disposal.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Maintenance Warrants: On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Bail, the Board unanimously approved and signed the following maintenance warrants FY-15-# 16, 17, 18. (3-0-0)

Dufresne Rentals: On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved and signed the following rental applications for. (3-0-0)

Granby Regional Horse Council	September 28	Horse Rings
Christopher Perron	September 27	Large Pavilion
Granby Athletic Association	9/15-10/24	Soccer Field

All were approved without alcohol.

Award Winter Rock Salt –Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG): On a motion by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to award the Winter Salt Bid W2-2014-2015 as follows:

Sodium Chloride Rock Salt Delivered –

Morton Salt –Chicago, IL @ \$72.94 per ton, estimated 600 Ton

Sodium Chloride Crushed Rock Salt Treated w/Liquid Mag Chloride w/Organic Based Performance Enhancer-

Cargill Deicing Technology –Olmsted, OH @ \$81.89 per ton, estimated 800 Ton
Mr. Martin will be notifying the HCOG of who was awarded the bids.

INFORMATION

Brown-Ellison Signs: Mary McDowell asked Mr. Martin if he knew anything about the missing handicap signs at Brown-Ellison Park. Mr. Martin said he did not, but sent an email to Highway Superintendent, Dave Desrosiers. Mr. Desrosiers did not know anything about their removal either. Mr. Desrosiers will be replacing them.

Library Trustee Resignation: A member has resigned so the Library Trustee's and Select Board members will appoint a new member at the Board's next meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Lou Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary