

# 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: October 20, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.

## **AGENDA:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

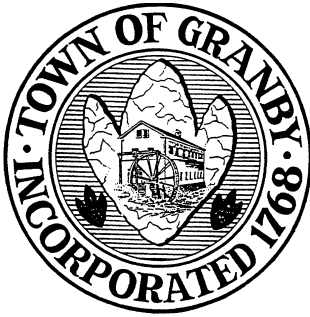
**APPOINTMENTS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:**

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrant- 23, 24, 25
- 3 Approve and Sign Police Union Contract
- 4 Approve and Affirm Appointments to Sgt. on the Granby Auxiliary Police Unit

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**



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## **Minutes of Select Board October 20, 2014**

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

Chairman, Mark Bail, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Board in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

***UVISA Policy:*** On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the UVISA Policy as presented by Chief Wishart. (3-0-0)

The following policies were given to the Select Board to look over, Medical Marijuana Policy and Social Media Policy for future approval. Medical Marijuana Policy approved by Union. Chief Wishart has not heard back from Union on the Social Media Policy.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **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 Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved and signed the following maintenance warrants for FY-15-23, 24, 25. (3-0-0)

***Approve and Sign Police Union Contract:*** On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved and signed the union contract for IBOPO-Local-321 starting date 7-01-2014-expiring 6-30-17. (3-0-0)

***Approve and Affirm Appointments to Sgt. on the Granby Auxiliary Police Unit:*** On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously affirmed the appointments of Alan Kipitz and Michael Ulmer to Sergeant on the Granby Auxiliary/Reserve Police Unit. Both candidates came with high recommendations from Auxiliary Police Co-Directors Ptl. James White and Sgt. Stephen Marion. (Mr. Barry read the recommendations) (3-0-0).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

***SHFD2 Meeting:*** The Board discussed with the Fire Chief and Police Chief their upcoming meeting with South Hadley Fire District 2 and State Representatives at the Bangs Center in Amherst: 3 Possible MOU's

1) MOU emailed to Chris Martin at 4:00 PM today from SHFD2:

- Eliminate the Town of Granby from responding to any fires within the SHFD2 located in the Town of Granby.
- Eliminate the Town of Granby from code investigations within the SHFD2 located in the Town of Granby.
- Complete umbrella of Fire is under SHFD2
- Complete umbrella of EMS is under the Town of Granby

2) MOU from Chief Anderson:

- Keep the way it has been -Dual responses when it comes to fire
- Jurisdiction TOG when it comes to inspections and investigations-way it has been for the last 40-50 years
- Allows them the response part of it and so to speak the meat/potatoes of it to TOG

3) MOU-Alternative from Lou Barry

- EMS to the TOG as OEMS has stated
- Fire Call-Granby Dispatch will dispatch both towns as they do now. Mostly due to the concerns of Chief Wishart about liability.
- Once on the scene SHFD2 takes charge-seeing they have primary responsibility and they can call-off TOG if not needed
- Inspections will be done by both Towns-jointly-member from each dept. Fees should be split and both dept. sign the permit
- Investigations-under the jurisdiction of the Fire Marshal, along with a member from each dept
- Fire Permits- Under Forest Warden which is the TOG
- Search and Rescue-Jaws of Life-which normally doesn't take place at residences, therefore the water district wouldn't apply-remains the TOG. Search and Rescue is usually under the Police Dept
- Based on compromising being done on both interested parties. Waste of manpower, but if each Chief doesn't mind, so be it.

\*Mr. Barry is different than Chief Anderson in that it is a more unified approach, doesn't necessarily pinpoint who has jurisdiction.

\*SHFD2 is keeping the fire stuff in SHFD2

\*Chief Anderson is keeping it the way it has always been done. He is concerned that interpretations might get in the way. One dept may be more strict than the other or one more lenient. There are not that many inspections. It would not interrupt day-day operations. How do you work out the charge of the permit? We charge \$25, SHFD2 charges \$50.

Chief Wishart main concern is dispatching. SHFD2-MOU causes problems with dispatching not knowing where the actual event maybe-South Hadley or Granby. We really need to simplify the process. A lot is going on when you dispatching, adding another element makes it more complicated. We would have to adopt a separate 911, not easy, but can be done. Again we are talking about people's lives. Easiest thing to do is call one town for each service, unless it is a mutual aid call (we have a different protocol for that already in place). South Hadley Police listens to us and then calls SHFD2 if needed. We do not know when SHFD2 is in service. If we are going back to dual response it makes sense to have SHFD2 going back to monitoring our dispatch. That would make it one less call for our dispatchers to make.

SHFD2 does not have a direct dispatch- someone monitors from their home. It depends who is on duty. The South Hadley Police Dispatcher tones who ever is on duty with their emergency radio and that person then takes over the transmission of the call (they in fact become the dispatcher from their home).

Mark Bail believes that we can not come to a conclusion tonight, only give our point of view of the situation to the State Representatives and South Hadley Fire District Two members. This is far from two towns not getting along. Safety is at the forefront. Not an easy decision. This is hoping for a better understanding of both sides for both parties. Both Chiefs are there to help answer questions that we can not properly answer, though they will not be sitting at the table. We are hoping that we get at least a decision on how we all should proceed.

Lou Barry is concerned if they take over all the Fire, they need to compensate the TOG for dispatching duties. He does not believe they fully understand the dispatching part of it.

Our Representatives will be the facilitators at this meeting.

### **INFORMATION**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mark Bail and seconded by Lou Barry it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @ 6:44 PM. (3-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Leonard  
Town Administrator's Secretary