



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: January 20, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

MINUTES: January 5, 2015

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 AECOM-D.Setzko-Update

7:15 Solar Panels-WMD

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

1 Accept Departmental Reports

2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrant- 43, 44, 45

3 Approve and Sign Oversize/Overweight Permit

4 Approve and Sign Common Victualler's License-2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015

Members Present:

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

Mark Bail, 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

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-15-43, 44 and 45. (3-0-0)

2015 Common Victualler's: On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the following Common Victualler's license:
15-19 Fairview Sportsmen's Fish & Game Association Inc 280 Carver Street
15-20 *Granby Booster Club 385 East State Street
15-21 Something Special Catering Service 181 West State Street
All licenses expire on December 31, 2015. (3-0-0) * Board voted to waiver the \$25.00 to the Booster Club on the recommendation of the Town Administrator.

Oversize/Overweight Permit: On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve permit #15-01-Oversize Load for Ted Ondrick Company, LLC of 58 Industry Road, Chicopee, MA. This permit expires December 31, 2015. (3-0-0)

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 05, 2015 as presented. (3-0-0)

APPOINTMENTS

AECOM-D.Setzko-Update: Dennis Setzko and Joe Boccadoro gave the Select Board a packet concerning implementation concepts (included in back of minutes) and discussed it with the Board. Mr. Setzko said the time line for the State Revolving Fund is a very aggressive one and suggested that the Board appoint a town Committee to do a lot of the leg work to save money for the town. The first phase of the project will extend the sewer from Phins Hill Manor to a little past North Street (202). This first phase comes in at 7.5 million. On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mrs. McDowell, the Board unanimously affirmed the appointments of Thomas Hamel, David Desrosiers, Christopher Martin, member of the Planning Board (to be named later) and member of the Board Health (to be named later) to the 202 Sewer Extension Ad-Hoc Committee for a term ending 6/30/15. (3-0-0) The Charge for the committee is as follows: **To meet with the Engineering Advisor to review the proposed sewer project as approved by the SRF. *To review financing*To bring a recommendation to the Select Board as the scope of the proposed project, the cost of the proposed project and the funding for the proposed project.*

- Mr. Setzko will put together a proposal for AECOM to continue on the project.
- Mr. Martin and Mr. Desrosiers will contact the Town Administrator of South Hadley and the Highway Superintendent of South Hadley.
- Mr. Martin will get in touch with MacDuffie School to see if they are still interested in joining in on the last phase.
- Mr. Setzko will go over with Mr. Martin what the Committee needs to do and the time table it needs to be done in.

Solar Panels-WMD: Russ Ducharme, Granby's Building Inspector introduced Todd Bard, Solar Consultant to the Select Board.

**He was brought in to discuss the town's options for collecting taxes on a proposed solar array projects on the former house lots that are now owned by Westover Metropolitan Development Corp (WMDC).*

**Mr. Bard has negotiated contracts between developers and other municipalities.*

**Innovation Engineering Solutions, of Walpole has submitted a proposal to the Building Inspector. There are seven (7) sites of various sites to be built on. The combined arrays would generate four (4) megawatts of power for WMDC.*

**Mr. Bard believes that a project of this size could bring in \$40,000-\$50,000 in-lieu-of-tax each year of the agreement.*

**Mr. Bard offered his services at no charge to the town to help with a agreement that is fair to both the town and the developer.*

**Mr. Ducharme thought the in-lieu-of- tax agreement is preferable to setting a value on the solar installation and taxing it on that amount. Installations usually depreciate by 80% with in 4-years.*

**The company needs to know whether the project is economically feasible before they can move forward on the project.*

**The next step would be to hold a Special Town Meeting asking if the Select Board can enter into negotiations to set-up a pilot agreement in-lieu-of- tax for solar array projects in the Town of Granby.*

*The Board would like Chris Martin to check with the Town Clerk and Town Moderator to see if and when a Special Town Meeting can be held in March.

*In the meantime Mr. Martin thought that Mr. Ducharme and Mr. Bard could meet with the developer and ask basic questions of them to see what they would be looking for.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

- West Street School Building Committee Update: Mr. Martin told the Board the project is moving forward with MSBA. They have submitted to them the Preferred Design Plans (square footage) for the project. The project is on target for a Town Meeting vote in either October or November 2015. They hope to start with public forums at the end of March.
- Mr. Martin will attend the MMA Conference at the end of the week in Boston.
- The Town of Granby received a letter from Governor Baker stating that the **Town of Granby's** Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal Year 2015 has been increased from **\$281,534** to **\$422,301**.

INFORMATION

- Mary McDowell asked if the letter had been sent out to SHFD2 and whether the town had received any correspondence back. Mr. Martin said he had sent it and the town has not received anything back. She would like a copy of the letter sent to the Board members.
- Mary McDowell asked how Mr. Martin was coming on Softwright, he said it was coming. Ms. McDowell suggested he contact Softwright while he was at the conference.
- Mary McDowell asked the Board to clarify a question the Solid Waste Ad-Hoc Committee had “Will the Board override the \$363041 for the municipal waste after the 3-yr contract is over with Republic?” The Board said that would all depend on what was decided on to do after the 3-year contract was up. Mr. Martin explained that in July of 2016 they should start the RFP process and that in January 2017 they should know how they would precede.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mark Bail it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary