



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: February 17, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

MINUTES: January 20, 2015

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

- 6:35 Full-Time Police Appointment
- 6:40 Treasurer-Note #446
- 6:45 Survey Board
- 7:15 Russ Anderson-New Hires

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrant- 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51
- 3 Approve and Sign Class 2 License-2015
- 4 Approve and Sign Common Victualler's License-2015
- 5 Approve 2015 Dufresne Pavilion Rental
- 6 Community Calendar –Mark Bail
- 7 Affirm Appointment Police Dispatcher
- 8 Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:



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Meeting Minutes of February 17, 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

Dr. Rodriguez-*Article 3 STM*: Dr. Rodriguez spoke to the Board concerning regarding Article 3 on Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on March 9, 2015. She explained that the School is asking for an additional supplemental appropriation of \$85,000 for FY-15 due to the following unanticipated expenditures:

- *Additional Instructional Assistants needed for students with significant special needs who moved into the district after the first of the year.*
- *Three students with disabilities who were placed in out- of- district placements, whose placements totaled for this fiscal year over \$150,000. [One student was the result of a legal agreement, the two other placements were the results of emergency placements due to health and safety]*
- *Unforeseen expenditures for the replacement pipes for the boiler and related supplies in excess over \$40,000.*

Dr. Rodriguez also told the Board that Mr. Scully had looked at the Schools roofs and does not believe that the snow needs to be removed.

Dr. Rodriguez also told the Board that it was a pleasure to have worked with them and thanked them for all the help they gave her while she worked here. (She is leaving in mid March).

Joe Rokowski: Mr. Rokowski spoke to the Board about the benefits of having a monthly/quarterly meeting with the Select Board, Department Heads, Superintendent of Schools and the Chairpersons of all Committees/Boards. He feels there would be clearer communications, questions could be asked and answered, and be more efficient for the town. There would be a set agenda. The meetings could be held right here at 10-B West State Street. He is willing to facilitate it. The Board discussed his idea and felt it was a good one. On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to have Mr. Rokowski facilitate quarterly meetings (working with

Chris Martin on the agenda) with the Select Board, Department Heads, Superintendent of Schools, and the Chairpersons of all Committees/Boards.

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-15-46 thru, 51. (3-0-0)

Approve and Sign Class 2 License-2015: On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously voted to approve a 2015-Used Car Dealer's License—Class 2 –Douglas Merrill, d/b/a Merrill Auto Imports located at 121 West State Street. This license expires on January 1, 2016 and reads as follows:

“On premises described as Douglas Merrill d/b/a Merrill Auto Imports hereby licensed to buy and sell second-hand motor vehicles at No. 121 West State Street, Granby MA follows leased office space at 121 West State Street, Granby MA. This office will be used to post vehicles for sale on the internet and in publications. All public relations to sell vehicles and all sales transactions will be conducted at 121 West State Street. Up to three (3) vehicles may be stored at 161 West State Street at one time and are to be located in the middle three parking spaces in the back near the south-west entrance (Kellogg Street). No signs or displays are permitted other than buyers warranty to sell the vehicle.” (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:
15-22 Judith E Camarena, d/b/a Five Corner Cuts 77 West State Street
The license expires on December 31, 2015. (3-0-0).

Approve 2015 Dufresne Pavilion Rental: On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve/sign-off on the following use of Dufresne Park:

April 4 (raindate April 11)	9:00am-12:00pm	Granby PM Club
Gazebo & Lawn Area Kendall St for Easter Egg Hunt (fee waived).		
June 8-15	Charter Days (June 12-14)	All of the Park
These permits were approved with no alcohol on premises.		(3-0-0)

Community Calendar: Mark Bail asked if the other Board members if they would support having a Community Calendar on the Town's official Website. The Board members had no problems with the idea, but felt there should be some guidelines. Cathy Leonard will be in charge of the calendar. Mark Bail will write a letter to our Granby Community Organizations telling about the calendar.

Affirm Appointment Police Dispatcher: On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously voted to affirm the appointment of Lori Herbert as a Full-Time Dispatcher for a term ending 6/30/17. Ms. Herbert probationary term ends March 2, 2015. (3-0-0)

Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant: Louis Barry read the following warrant article for March 9, 2015:

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Granby Junior-Senior High School on East State Street in said Town on Monday, the ninth day of March next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate a Payment In Lieu Of Tax (PILOT) agreement, or take any other action in regards thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Highway Department expense budget for FY2015, or take any other action in regards thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$85,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the School Department expense budget for FY2015, or take any other action in regards thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places as of the bylaws before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

On a motion made by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant for March 9, 2015 as presented.

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 20, 2015 as presented. (3-0-0)

APPOINTMENTS

Full-Time Police Appointment: Chief Wishart introduced the Police Advisory Board's recommendation to fill the empty Full-Time Police Officer position "Shawn Rooney". On a motion by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously affirmed the appointment of Shawn Rooney as a Probationary Full-Time Police Officer with a start date of February 8th (TA's recommendation) with a term ending February 7, 2016. (3-0-0)

Treasurer-Note #446: On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, it was unanimously voted to approve Note #446 (refunding note for a lesser amount) for the purpose of Departmental Equipment (Vacuum Tanker truck for the Fire Department) with Easthampton Savings Bank in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars with an annual interest rate of .56% payable at maturity. Loan issue date is February 20, 2015 and the maturity date is February 19, 2016 as presented by Town Treasurer Steve Nally. (3-0-0)

Survey Board: Ed Chapdelaine and Russ Anderson (Bill Shaheen was absent) members of the appointed Survey Committee (in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 143 Section 8) presented to the Board their final report (included in the back of the minutes) and recommendation concerning the property at 257 State Street, commonly known as Aldrich Hall. The Committee's charge is to render unbiased technical and regulatory opinions on selected Town properties. The 257 State Street property was the subject of review for possible renovation or demolition. The Survey Committee listed four (4) options (A-D). They felt the most logical choice was demolition.

The Select Board thanked them for their due diligence concerning the property. Mary McDowell did wish that the Granby Historical District Commission had been informed of the report being submitted tonight.

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Survey Board's report concerning 257 State Street as presented and to go with the recommended option D "to demolition the building within 6 months to minimize liability exposure to the town." The Board will forward the report to the Granby Historical District Committee for a ruling to be written with-in 60-days of receipt of the report. (3-0-0)

On a motion by Louis Barry and seconded by Mary McDowell, the Board unanimously voted to disconnect the power immediately due to fire and safety issues. (3-0-0)

Russ Anderson-New Hires: Chief Anderson introduced two-new hires for the Granby Fire Department Call-Force. Dan Haska and Lindsey Pouliot were both hired for call firefighters. He will bring forward several more hires at a later date.

Chief Anderson also spoke to the Board about to consider raising the pay for call-force members from \$8-\$10 to \$12-\$14 to keep in line with adjacent towns. The Board will take in under advisement with FY-16 Budget coming up.

Chief Anderson gave information to the Board concerning an “Ambulance Insurance Program” that the Town of Belchertown has in place. It is a subscription based program that would pick-up any amount not covered by your insurance, or if you do not have insurance, the balance for the town’s services will be covered by the program. The suggested cost is \$50.00 for a single subscription and \$60.00 for a policy that covers everyone living in the same household. He is looking at ideas to generate more income to the Ambulance budget. He also talked about a grant where College Students could stay at the fire station at night instead of getting paid. The Board take this information under advisement.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

- Received notification of Free Cash Approval from DOR for the Town of Granby as of July 1, 2014:

General Fund	\$1,350,211
Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$ 175,066
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$ 212,228
Ambulance Enterprise Fund	\$ 298,101

- Mr. Martin told the Board that the Town will received insurance credits for him attending the MMA conference in January.
- Mr. Martin learned that the sick-law that passed does not pertain to municipalities unless accepted on town meeting floor.
- Mr. Martin also spoke with a Softwright representative at the MMA conference and has conference call with them tomorrow at 11:30 am.
- Pam Desjardins, Planning Board Chair, and Micheline Turgeon, Board of Health, were the names given for the 202 Sewer Extension Committee
- Steve Griffin of MacDuffie School told Mr. Martin that they are still interested in the sewer project.
- Dave Desrosiers and Mr. Martin will be meeting with Representatives of South Hadley this Thursday on the 202 Sewer Extension.

INFORMATION

- .Discussion on what is a better way to get information to the residents concerning changes/delays in Solid Waste pick-up. No clear solution was determined.
- Chief Wishart received a letter from SHFD2 concerning a dispatch incident in January and briefed the Board concerning it. No other correspondence from SHFD2 since the Board sent their last letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Bail, seconded by Mary McDowell it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting @8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary