



TOWN OF GRANBY

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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

Granby Select Board: Mary A. McDowell, Chair
Wayne H. Tack, Sr., Clerk
Mark L. Bail, Member

Board Meeting: January 11, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

APPOINTMENT: 7:15 AECOM

ACCEPT AND SIGN MINUTES:

OTHER ACTIONS ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- 1 Accept Departmental Reports
- 2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrants
- 3 Approve Class 2 Licenses
- 4 Approve Oversize Vehicle Permit

REPORT OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:
EXECUTIVE SESSION:
ADJOURNMENT:

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GRANBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
KELLOGG HALL, ROOM 1
MEETING MINUTES OF
January 11, 2010

Members Present:

Mary McDowell, Wayne Tack Sr., Mark Bail
Town Administrator Christopher Martin

Mary McDowell, chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mary McDowell led the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Denis Houle, 239 Chicopee-spoke to the Board saying he was very very disappointed in the process that has taken place dealing with an issue that started back in July. Then hearing that the Board chose to take no action. *"I really feel that I was let down personally. I have had similar instances in the past and I have gotten no support from the Administrator. So what I am going to do is resign from all the commissions that I am on, Conservation, Dufresne Ad-Hoc, Zoning Board of Appeals and Council on Aging. I really hate to do this but, I have put a lot of time and effort getting trained, getting knowledgeable on the commissions I'm in. My position was to move forward, but because of the creditability of one-two people, the one that loses is me. So at this point I just think it is best that I turn around and walk away and we leave it at that. It is very very unfortunate, I was hoping that the person who did not tell the truth would have stood up and taken responsibility for their actions and that hasn't happened. Pretty much basically if a letter was put in the files of the people involved it might have satisfied me, but with that not happening after the last meeting and again something is pushed under the carpet and we move on. So that is pretty much all I have. I am on four committees we have fantastic people out there. They are doing a very good job. We have a big communication gap with this administration, like all the other administrations and this is all part of it. Since this has started I have received from news reporters and I had no clue on what was going on. She brought forth some questions to me that I had no answers to, because I didn't know what was going on. And as a person partially involved I felt it was the duties of you people to let people know what is going on. I feel really sad that that didn't happen. I dedicated my life to this town, I started when I was a kid and I am still going strong. Unfortunately I don't care anymore."*

Mary McDowell *"As chair I am not ready to accept your resignation. I have it but I certainly not ready to accept it. I think Denis your record does speak for itself. At our last meeting I also felt something should be in there. So I agree we are doing a disservice to this town if we don't put some down. But we are a democracy and other people don't feel*

that way. You certainly have given a great deal to this town. I think you are making a big mistake in handing in your resignation. The people who lose are the citizens of Granby. While I can understand your frustration I think it is not the right move to make."

Denis Houle " I have to do what is best for me. There are a lot of problems out there on commissions; I really think the Board of Selectmen need to get involved. Because there are things that go on that have been brought forth independently to each one of yous and as soon as the camera goes on everything changes. You have to stand by your guns, you have to stand by what you believe in and push forward. I do that. And if you talk to people on the commissions I defend what I believe in whether it is right or wrong. I will take my lumps. And I have, but to go through and be pushed aside again. I am done. All I can say is soon or later I will run for Selectman again and I guarantee you if I get in I will not tolerate things like this. If you have someone in key position, like the Town Administrator or Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals is not giving you people factual information. I would want to sit in your chair knowing that, because you make decisions upon what these people are doing. So that is all I have to say. Effective the end of January as my resignation says. Thank you for your time. "

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Mary McDowell said that she received a call from Chief Anderson concerning "Heart Safe Community Approval" and asked Mr. Martin if he has heard anything on it. He said he signed the form and that is all he knows.

New Committee for the Water Quality: No responses back yet from the committees with names. Hopefully for the next regular scheduled meeting.

We have received a letter from Mary Claire Higgins from Northampton thanking us for our support with their most recent fires.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Wayne Tack, Sr. and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to accept the departmental reports as written.

On a motion by Mary McDowell and seconded by Mark Bail, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign the maintenance warrants.

On a motion by Mr. Tack and seconded by Mr. Bail, it was unanimously voted to grant The following Class II License to:

2-0002	AMAJ Inc.	d/b/a	AJ's Auto Body	39 West State Street
2-0003	Douglas Merrill	d/b/a	Merrill Auto Imports	121 West State Street
2-0004	Mark W Johnson	d/b/a	Mark's Garage	423 East State Street

All to expire January 1, 2011 with the restrictions listed.

On a motion by Mr. Tack and seconded by Mr. Bail the Board unanimously voted to approve the application for a permit to move Oversize Loads from Ted Ondrick Company, LLC, to expire on 12/31/10.

REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mary McDowell asked if a flag could be put up at the Annex. Mr. Martin will look into it. It may not be able to happen till after the ground thaws.

Mary McDowell asked about getting an office for our Veteran's Agent. Mr. Martin is working on it still trying to get the office cleaned out and then have the rug replaced with a new one.

APPOINTMENTS

Dennis Setzko, project manager for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Program being conducted by AECOM gave the Board an update on the project. He handed out a written progress report to the Board and went over that handout. They have met with the Board of Assessors. They will be meeting with the Master Plan Committee on Thursday and again in February. The South Hadley sewer information is 85%-95% done. They will be back in front of the Board in about 4 weeks for another update. They are hoping to have another public information meeting the first of March.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Wayne Tack, Sr. and seconded by Mark Bail it was voted to recess the meeting at 7:30 P.M. to go into Executive Session to discuss reason # 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, taking lease or value of property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town and that the meeting would only be reconvened to adjourn the regular session meeting.

On Roll Call vote, the Board voted to go into Executive Session – Tack-AYE, McDowell-AYE, Bail-AYE.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Tack and seconded by Mr. Bail, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Leonard
Town Administrator's Secretary