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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes March 9, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:05pm on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 by Chairman Harold Haddock Jr. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Lower Level at 300 Route 10 South.

Present: Chairman Harold Haddock Jr.; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Becky Newton; Administrative Assistant Melissa White; Police Chief Walter Madore; Fire Chief Jeremiah Fountain; Athletics Director Marsha Googins; Maribeth Hagan

ADMINISTRATIVE

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- ✓ Building Permit: M/L 242-005-000; Doc's Drive – new home
- ✓ Demolition Permit: M/L 233-026-000; 120 Route 10 South – remove burned structure

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Haddock asked if there were any changes to the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2011. There being none, a motion was made by Selectman Jones to approve the regular meeting minutes as written; second by Selectman Haddock. ***Approved by majority vote.***

APPEARANCES

- Athletics Director Marsha Googins: Googins discussed the possibility of adding after school dance classes to her Athletic programs. Googins explained the classes would be run by Maribeth Hagan at Grantham Village School for children in grades 1st – 6th after school, and there would be a small participation fee.

Estimated start date would be April 1st and continue through the end of the school year.

Googins felt this would be a good program to offer because it would create a safe place for kids to be after school as well as providing activity and increase hand/eye coordination.

Selectman Jones asked if permission to do this had been granted by the school district. Googins stated Principal Kirk Gurgler has always told her the school is available for the Recreation Department.

Selectman Jones asked if there was enough money in the budget to offer the program. Administrator Newton stated that the participation fee would be deposited in the Recreation Revolving Fund; that the money in that fund is a "flow through" and not part of the operational budget.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Chief Walter Madore: A memo was received from Chief Madore informing that Sergeant Parsons will be the officer in charge during his vacation.
- Building Supervisor F. Robert Osgood: A memo was received from Building Supervisor Osgood regarding the cleanliness of the bathrooms in Town Hall. Osgood offered to clean the bathrooms as needed during his daily building check.

The Board of Selectmen felt this was a good idea and thanked Osgood for taking on the additional duties.

OLD BUSINESS

- Butternut Pond Road: Newton stated she is still working with the land owner.
- Online Access of Assessing Data: No update.
- Recreation Park Engineering: Newton stated she is working on the issue of a challenge brought up at Town Meeting to the wording of Article 16. Newton is working with the Department of Revenue Administration to resolve the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

- TF Moran Invoice of \$1,150.00: A motion was made by Selectman Jones to approve payment of \$1,150 to TF Moran for Recreation Park Engineering and to withdraw the \$1,150 from the Timken Foundation grant money; second by Selectman Haddock. ***Approved by majority vote.***

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Athletics Department – Winter Report/Spring Preview:
 - Basketball was a great success with enough children registered to support a kindergarten team, a 1st/2nd grade team, a girls 3rd/4th grade team, a boys 3rd/4th grade team, two teams for 5th/6th grade girls and two teams for 5th/6th grade boys. When games started it was difficult at first due to the lack of referees and score/timekeeping support. Googins recognized the following referees: Lorie McClory, Zack Bisette, Mike Cyphers, Andrew Googins, 5th/6th grade girls coach Carl Melendy and 3rd/4th grade boys coach Jay Tyler.
 - Cheerleading had 5 girls enrolled and with the help of Maribeth Hagan and a returning 7th grader at practices, the season was a success.
 - Quad Valley tournaments were held the weekend of February 19th. The 3rd/4th grade girls won for their age group and the 5th/6th grade boys won for their age group.
 - A team from each age group participated in the Karp's Klassic held at the CCBA in Lebanon and is still ongoing. The 3rd/4th grade girls won this tournament for their age group.
 - Baseball and softball signups were held March 2nd and 3rd. Participation is very high for baseball and it is anticipated that there will be a large T-ball and rookie group as well as two teams at the minors level and one at the majors level.

Coaching support for baseball year has been tremendous this year.

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- Softball registrations will continue through March 11th and it is hoped there will be enough interest to support a 10U and 12U group.
- Kearsarge Valley Cal Ripken League will hold a director's meeting March 16th.
- Upper Valley Recreation Association will have a 'scheduling meeting' in April.

- Fire Department – January Report: Chief Fountain informed that the cause of the fire at Sawyer Brook Plaza will be "undetermined". Fountain said the State Fire Marshall said that because of where the fire started and ended, there is no way to tell exactly what happened and that it wasn't suspicious.

Administrator Newton asked Fountain what would happen if the Deputy Emergency Management Directors (Deputy EMD's) David Beckley and Kevin LaHaye have to be brought up to the EMD position and how it would affect the fire department.

Fountain said that if there was a large emergency they would still be able to perform the duties of EMD.

Because the Deputy EMD's are also members of the Fire Department, Newton suggested some guidelines be created to clarify their role when they are acting in the absence of EMD Osgood.

- Responded to 55 fire and EMS calls. 43 were fire/rescue most being alarms, trees on wires, wires down and auto accidents; 12 were medical calls.
- Fire extinguisher training was held at the station.
- In February, auto extrication training was held. This familiarized new members with the extrication equipment and the basic steps to safely extricate a trapped person from a vehicle.
- Fire Lieutenants Kevin LaHaye and Jason McMahon attended the WebEOC training held in Lempster. All officers have gone through this training and have access to the WebEOC in the event of a large emergency.
- Chief Fountain and Lieutenant LaHaye assisted with the lock down drill at Grantham Village School held on February 24, 2011.

- Police Department – February Report: Chief Madore informed that starting with the February 2011 report; the statistical data will include the number of house checks his department conducts. Chairman Haddock asked if a fee was charged for house checks. Madore said no. Haddock requested the Board be notified if they become a burden.

- Chief Madore attended the NH Chiefs of Police meeting and training on the Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS). This allows the US Probation Office to notify the department when an offender under Federal supervision and convicted of certain crimes of violence and drugs, moves into and/or changes their address within our area.
- Department Secretary Judy Desmarais is a member of the NH Chiefs of Police Secretaries' Association and attended her first meeting and training on The Importance of Human Factors presented by Primex.
- Chief Madore and Sergeant Parsons were present at Grantham Village School for a lock down drill.
- Traffic control was provided for the fire on February 26, 2011 at Sawyer Brook Plaza.

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➤ Transfer Station – January Report:

- Solid Waste - 8 runs; total tonnage of 71.6
- Construction Demolition Debris - 4 Runs; 11.73 tons
- Glass - 1 load 7.31 tons; Expense \$160.20
- Electronic Waste - 1.77 tons; Expense \$300.57
- Fibers - Mixed Loose - (Paper) - 2 Loads; 6.87 tons
 - Revenue \$446.45
 - Expense \$450
- Comingle - w/o glass - (Plastic) 2 loads; 3.21 tons
 - Revenue \$0.00
 - Expense \$96.30

- Total Tonnage of Material taken away - 102.49 tons
- Tickets collected at Transfer Station - \$605
- Total Revenue from recycling \$1,236.55
- Total Expenses from recycling \$1,007.69
- Net Revenue from recycling \$228.86

OTHER

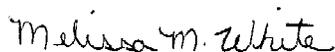
Selectman Jones informed that she received a call from Resident Jeff Masone commending the Grantham Police and Fire Department for responding so quickly (less than five minutes) to his home for a fire and that he (Masone) wanted to be sure that Officer Robert Schwartz knew how impressed he was with the way he handled the situation; very professionally and very compassionately.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Haddock; ***by majority vote, the Board adjourned at 5:53pm.***

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, March 23, 2011** at 5:00PM in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South.

Respectfully submitted,



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