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## Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes January 23, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 by Chairman Warren Kimball. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Ken Story; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Police Chief Walter Madore; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; and Conservation Commission Chair Richard Hocker

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator, Melissa White

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### APPROVED:

- ✓ Payroll Manifest #383 & 384
- ✓ Accounts Payable Manifest #356
- ✓ Building Permits:
  - a. M/L 227-003-004; 949 Dunbar Road – Sitting Room in Garage
  - b. M/L 226-011-000; 485 New Aldrich Road – Kitchen lights & Refinish Part of Basement
- ✓ Upper Valley Humane Society; 2013 Animal Shelter Services Agreement
- ✓ Property Tax Refunds (due to overpayment):
  - M/L 237-002-000; 282 Route 114 - \$12.37
  - M/L 216-140-000; 28 Robin Lane - \$128.91
  - M/L 225-180-000; 47 Troon Drive - \$20.26
  - M/L 204-005-000/209-002-000/209-003-000; Off Turnpike Road - \$1279.48
  - M/L 207-023-000; Butternut Pond Road - \$8.28
  - M/L 222-148-002; 6 Pleasant Drive - \$1840.95
  - M/L 237-036-000; 36 Lily Lane - \$1580.10
  - M/L 212-124-000; 4 Ash Lane - \$138.33
  - M/L 222-114-000; 34 Slalom Drive - \$9.27
  - M/L 213-016-000; 5 Auburn Brae - \$2992.81
  - M/L 233-104-000; Dunbar Hill Road - \$15.76
  - M/L 233-106-000; 788 Dunbar Hill Road - \$31.79
  - M/L 242-014-001; 19A Bouldervale Road - \$196.54
  - M/L 216-156-000; 32 Old Spring Drive - \$369.74

#### NOT APPROVED:

- ✓ Application for Veteran's Tax Credit:
  - a. M/L 236-017-000; 2512 Stoney Brook Road

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kimball asked if there were any changes to the regular and non-public meeting minutes of January 9, 2013. A motion was made by Selectman Story to approve the regular and non-public minutes of January 9, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

## PUBLIC HEARING/OLDE FARMS ROAD BRIDGE #107/113 GRANT AGREEMENT

Chairman Kimball opened the Public Hearing on the Grant Agreement for Olde Farms Road Bridge #107/113 at 5:05pm. Chairman Kimball asked if anyone had any questions regarding this grant. There were no questions at this time and Chairman Kimball announced that the Public Hearing will remain open for the duration of the Selectmen's Meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- New London Hospital: A letter was received from New London Hospital stating that they were having difficulty drafting an ambulance contract that could be agreed to by all participating towns and their attorneys. White explained that all of the participating towns have paid their basic annual commitment but have refrained from paying the portion that would have represented funding reserves for a new ambulance and a hospital loss contingency. White added that New London Hospital has committed to continuing service to Grantham and the ambulance cost for Fiscal Year 2013 will be \$40,346.00. White noted that New London Hospital will be sending out the updated contracts shortly.
- James Stamper: An email was received from Jim Stamper inquiring if the highway department could position the snow plow so not as much snow is deposited into driveways. Administrator White will discuss Stamper's concerns with the Road Agent.
- Anne Neu: A thank you was received from Anne New, of Top O the World Road, thanking the road crew for doing an excellent job with the difficult conditions in the last week. Neu stated they have done an excellent job of raking and keeping that road in good shape during the recent muddy road conditions.
- AARP Foundation: A thank you was received from the AARP Foundation TaxAide District Coordinator for allowing them to use Town Hall as a meeting place to train volunteers who will provide free income tax preparation to qualifying clients.
- Jan Bradeen and Cathleen Narowitz: A letter was received from Jan Bradeen and Cathleen Narowitz of 128 Stocker Pond Road citing some issues they are having with their neighbor, the Partridge family, such as debris deposited on their property. The Board of Selectmen instructed White to send a letter explaining that this is a civil matter and there is nothing the town can do.

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## OLD BUSINESS

- Zoning Complaint; 172 Cote Road; Business Dumpster: White reported that she sent a letter to the homeowners requesting that they notify the town when their home renovations are substantially complete so removal of the dumpster can be addressed. White asked the Board if they had a specific removal date in mind. The Board said they would like it removed by fall.
- Maple Sugaring request on Smith Lot: Grantham Conservation Commission Chair Richard Hocker reported that the Grantham Conservation Commission discussed this matter at its meeting January 21, 2013 and the Commission is in favor of proceeding with the request from Mr. Wallace. Hocker explained there was a recommendation for the Commission to contact the Upper Valley Land Trust to ascertain if there would be any negative impacts, agriculture being one of the things that is permitted and sugaring falls under that category. Hocker stated that the Upper Valley Land Trust has given its approval so the next step is to contact Mr. Wallace to set up a meeting with him to work out a written agreement with specific details as to how he wishes to proceed and any restrictions the Commission sets forth. Hocker added that the Grantham Conservation Commission will actively oversee this project. Hocker advised the Board of Selectmen that the Grantham Conservation Commission will hold a lottery next year for sugaring on the Smith lot. The Board of Selectmen agreed to allow Jack Wallace to tap maple trees on the Smith Lot with the Conservation Commission establishing the guidelines and overseeing it.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Motor Vehicle Registration Refund Request: A request to refund a motor vehicle registration fee in the amount of \$428.00 was received from Brian and Martha Rogers. They stated the vehicle was registered by mistake. Town Clerk Friedman concurs with this request and supports it. A motion to refund the \$428.00 was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

## OTHER

Chairman Kimball, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, thanked Richard Hocker and the rest of the Grantham Conservation Commission for all the hard work and time they put into the wetlands mapping.

## ADJOURNMENT

No comments were made regarding the Public Hearing for Olde Farms Road Bridge #107/113 Grant and the Board of Selectmen closed the Hearing at 5:35 pm.

There being no further business, Selectman Story moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Jones; **by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 5:36 pm.**

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The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 13, 2013** at 5pm in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

*Respectfully submitted,*



Ann Jasper  
Administrative Assistant