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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes September 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 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; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director David Beckley; Conservation Commission Chair Sheridan Brown; Conservation Commission Members David Wood and Richard Hocker; Bob Lewis; Judy King; Aleene Hastings; Kris Traegde; Abby Clark; and Robert DiPrete

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White

ADMINISTRATIVE - APPROVED

1. Payroll Manifest #431
2. Accounts Payable Manifest #423
3. Building Permits:
 - M/L 237-040-000; 304 Split Rock Road – Generator
 - M/L 225-051-000; 31 Hummingbird Hill – Generator
 - M/L 207-008-001; Smith Hastings Road – New Home Construction
 - M/L 225-023-000; 28 Allens Drive – Screened Porch & Garage
 - M/L 220-029-000; 437 Walker Road – Generator

PUBLIC HEARING – LAND ACQUISITION; M/L 221-001-000; ROUTE 10 NORTH

Chairman Kimball opened the Public Hearing on the land acquisition; M/L 221-001-000; Route 10 North at 5:01pm.

Town Administrator White explained that the land in question is a 6.5 acre parcel located in and around the land that the Town of Grantham currently owns at Brookside Park. She continued that the Conservation Commission believes it can be improved for many recreational purposes including hiking trails. She stated further that the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board have endorsed this land purchase and the purchase price is \$12,000.00.

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There being no further discussion, at 6:00pm a motion to approve the land acquisition; M/L 221-001-000; Route 10 North, in the amount of \$12,000.00 and to withdraw said amount from the Land Preservation Capital Reserve Fund was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular and non-public meeting minutes of September 10, 2014 and the non-public meeting minutes of August 27, 2014 as written was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

APPEARANCES

- Robert DiPrete: Robert DiPrete, who owns and lives at 36 Lily Lane, discussed the multitude of signs on his property which borders one side of Dunbar Hill Road to Route 10. He said the signs consist of both temporary and permanent signs with steel rods driven into the ground such as the one for Gray Ledges. He continued that he contacted the property management company of Gray Ledges and asked them to remove their sign but has not heard back.

Chairman Kimball explained that the town has some ordinances pertaining to signs which are in the Zoning Ordinance. White informed DiPrete that she contacted the Chair of the town Zoning Board who took a look at the signs in question and told her that all of them are in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance except for the white snow plowing sign. White said she called the number on that sign and asked them to remove it. DiPrete questioned if that means he has to allow private businesses to advertise on his property. Selectman Jones advised him to write them a letter informing them that their sign is on private property and ask them to remove it. She told him he has every right to ask them to remove the signs from his property and clarified that the Board of Selectmen does not have any jurisdiction over those signs.

White informed DiPrete that she received a call from one of the Directors on the Board at Gray Ledges who advised if DiPrete would send a letter to the Gray Ledges Association asking them to remove the sign and allow them on the property to do so, the issue with their sign might be resolved.

- Kris Traegde and Abby Clark: Kris Traegde and Abby Clark who live at 1001 Miller Pond Road appeared at the previous Board of Selectmen meeting on September 10, 2014 to inquire what their options are to repair their driveway because the overweight permit application for Miller Pond Road Bridge was denied. *See Selectmen Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014 for detail.*

Brian Hastings, Hastings Construction, explained that the work for the driveway would require about 30 loads at approximately 30 tons each. He said he inquired about renting a smaller truck and figured out that would require about 60 loads and double the cost. A motion to authorize Town Administrator Melissa White to issue the overweight permit for Miller Pond Road Bridge to Brian Hastings, Hastings Construction, for up to a three week period for the purpose of repairing the driveway at 1001 Miller Pond Road owned

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by Kris Traegde and Abby Clark was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration: Notice was received from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration informing of the Sullivan County tax apportionment for 2014. Grantham's portion is \$1,471,602.00 which is 10.6017% of the county budget. Selectman Jones commented that Grantham is still the third highest paying town in Sullivan County.
- Bruce Johnson, Town of Webster Selectman: A warrant article request was received from Webster Selectman Bruce Johnson. The email stated that it is time to correct the funding formula for State Education and the State needs to step up and increase its contributions so that local property taxpayers are not overly burdened. The proposed warrant article is: "Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote." The Board of Selectmen agreed that this is a good idea and Chairman Kimball instructed White to send a response informing that Grantham will include this on the 2015 warrant.
- Lake Sunapee Region VNA: Notice was received from the Lake Sunapee Region VNA informing that the Outreach Liaison position at LSRVNA has been eliminated. White explained that the Outreach Liaison position had organized the Flu Clinic and coordinated the Health Fair portion of our Fair. LSRVNA said they are still willing to do the Flu Clinic but are unable to help coordinate the Health Fair portion of the Fair.

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Farms Road Bridge: White informed that she met with Bridge Engineer Erin Darrow, Road Agent Jeff Hastings and the Engineer from Michie Corporation to review and discuss the revised plan that shortens the bridge from 50 to 42 feet. White reported that Darrow is working on amending the wetlands permit. She advised that when she receives the revised plan that shows where the temporary utility pole will be located, she will instruct Clayton Platt to flag that location so there is no question where the utility pole is to be set. White said she will also provide a copy of the plan to PSNH when she produces that work order.
- Yankee Barn Road (Private Portion): No update.
- Stocker Brook Realty, LLC, 631 Route 114; M/L 236-010-000: White informed that Stocker Brook Realty, LLC, who operates the saw mill on Route 114, continues to be in non-compliance of the operating hours approved by the Planning Board. White stated the owner continues to claim he has no control over when the logs are delivered and has

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argued that the delivery of the logs is not part of the "operation of the saw mill". White said she continues to receive complaints by residents about log deliveries outside of the approved hours of operation.

Aleene Hastings, whose property directly abuts the saw mill, said she understands that the owner of the saw mill has a right to have a business but feels it has come to a point where he is showing very little respect for the property owners near his business, the people in this town and, furthermore, to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator as to their authority. She asked if this is setting a precedent where a business can come into town and violate the hours approved for running the business with no consequences. She added that she has kept track of every delivery that has been made either before or after the approved business hours and pointed out that it's not only the trucks delivering logs, but also the trucks that carry the wood chips. She emphasized there have been two to four deliveries on each of the past three Sundays, sometimes spanning over the entire day and the deliveries at night on other days span from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. She asked if the Board is going to allow them to continue to operate like this. Chairman Kimball explained Counsel has advised that the delivery of logs, etc. is considered part of the operation and should not be happening outside of the approved hours so the Board of Selectmen can now move forward with enforcing the approved hours of operation. Hastings thanked the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan: M/L 236-034-000; 249 Stocker Pond Road: Conservation Commission Member David Wood commented that although the Cutting Application falls within RSA 483-B, the Conservation Commission has concerns.

He specified one concern is the substantial amount of cutting to be done along the shoreline. He explained that the house is grandfathered and very close to the lake, within the 50 foot boundary, and there is no ground cover between the house and the lake and a fairly steep bank so there is a lot of potential for erosion. Wood said the other concern is that beyond the 50 foot boundary the owners are requesting to clear cut everything beyond a 29% area, which would be left alone, and that could create the possibility of erosion further contaminating Stocker Pond. He informed he and Dick Hocker suggested to the owners that they leave some trees to provide some shade rather than clear cut and the owners said they will consider that but they do not know what will happen. Conservation Commission Chair Sheridan Brown suggested advising the owners in a letter that the Board's approval of this Cutting Application does not have the effect of waiving the NH Department of Environmental Services' authority to enforce provisions of RSA 483-B so they should familiarize themselves with those requirements and make sure they are in compliance because we are not guaranteeing that through this approval.

A motion to approve the Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan at 249 Stocker Pond Road was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

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DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Activities Director Summary for "Our Town"; July 2014 – July 2015

Fall Events:

- September 26 – SCARECROW SEASON STARTS
- October 2 – Starts our monthly cookie decorating course. Missy Walla is offering one class a month for the school year afterschool in the lower town hall from 3:30 – 5:00. The cost is \$10 per person/child.
- October 25 – Munchin' Monster Mash at GVS – With the Athletics Department, we will offer a dinner and dance for this year's Halloween festivities with Jim Hollis serving as the DJ.
- October 31 – Town Wide Trick or Treat at 5:30pm.

Down the road

November

- November 1 – Girl's night out – Pinterest Party. Cost is \$30 per person.
- November 9 – Veteran's Community Pot Luck.
- November 18 – Cookie class at Town Hall 3:30 – 5:00pm. \$10 per person.
- November 22 – With the Grantham Parent Teacher Group, "Our Town" Activities will be helping with the Fall Festival games and prizes and fun!

December

- December 6 – Breakfast with Santa 8:00-10:00am at Town Hall AND from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Gingerbread cookie decorating and Tree lighting.

January

- Movie Night

February

- Artist from Tip Top Pottery
- NH Fish and Game Ice Fishing on Eastman Lake

March

- Artist from Tip Top Pottery
- Read across America

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April

- Eggstravanganza (Easter egg hunt)
- Rabies Clinic
- Earth Day
- Family Dinner Dance

May

- Mother's Day Tea and artist event

June

- Town Wide Yard Sale
- Father/Son BBQ and Kickball game
- Bike Rodeo

➤ Transfer Station Report – August 2014:

Solid Waste – 8 runs; 92.68 tons
Construction Demolition Debris – 9 runs; 35.13 tons
Empty 8' light bulb boxes – 5; Expense \$20.00
Computers - .35 ton; Revenue \$196.00
Mixed Electronics – 1.44 ton; Expense \$432.30
Televisions – 1.62 ton; Expense \$617.80
Aluminum - .85 ton; Revenue \$850.00
Fibers – Mixed Loose – (Paper) – 2 loads; 9.49 tons
Revenue: \$332.15
Expense: \$550.00

Comingle – w/o glass (Plastic) – 2 loads; 2.24 tons
Revenue: \$ 0.00
Expense: \$78.40

Light Iron – 1 load; 4.7679 tons; Revenue \$1,001.26

Glass – 1 load; 7.31 tons; Expense \$168.00

August 9, 2014 was a successful Hazardous Waste Day with 49 full cars and 101 half cars;
Total Expense: \$8,258.56

Total tonnage of material taken away: 155.0279 tons
Tickets collected at Transfer Station: \$1,855.00

Total Revenue from recycling: \$2,379.41
Total Expense from recycling: \$1,866.63
Net Revenue from recycling: \$ 512.78

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➤ Town Administrator

- The recertification of the town's PRIME designation was completed for Primex with the help of Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rita Friedman who also submitted all of the documentation. White reported that gives the town an additional 2.5% discount off of the Worker's Compensation insurance.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - The Zoning Board meeting is Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 7:00pm.
 - The Open Space Committee meeting is Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 8:30am.
 - The Planning Board meeting is Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7:00pm.

OTHER

As part of the perambulation for the Grantham/Plainfield town line, Dick Hocker recognized Dave Wood's achievement in managing to coordinate representatives from both Grantham and Plainfield on September 23rd. They walked 7.6 miles to the Corbin Park area and located the long missing marker. Chairman Kimball thanked the Conservation Commission.

NON-PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II- a and e, a motion was made by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectman Story to enter into a Non-Public session at 6:01pm. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Ken Story; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

Following proper vote, the Board returned from Non-Public session at 6:10 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Story; ***by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 6:10 pm.***

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 8, 2014** 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