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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes February 25, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 by Chairman Harold Haddock Jr. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South.

Present: Chairman Harold Haddock Jr.; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Warren Kimball; Administrative Assistant Melissa White; Moderator Victoria Smith; Paul Osgood; Joey Holmes

Absent: Town Administrator Tina Stearns

ADMINISTRATIVE

For Approval/Signature – **APPROVED**

- ✓ Building Permit Applications:
 1. M/L 212-124-000; 4 Ash Lane; *Finish basement*
 2. M/L 233-047-000; 61 Longwood Drive; *Replace windows*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Haddock requested any changes to the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2009. Administrative Assistant White stated she was notified by the Police Department that the total number of calls for January was 222; 114 calls for service and 108 traffic stops. A motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2009 as amended; second by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***
- ✓ Chairman Haddock requested any changes to the Budget Hearing minutes of February 12, 2009. There being none, a motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the Budget Hearing minutes of February 12, 2009 as written; second by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

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CORRESPONDENCE

- State of NH Department of Safety: NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management sent a letter to Jim and Jane Hunt thanking them for recommending ways to better communicate with the public during the ice storm. Their comments will be included as part of their formal review of ice storm operations.
- Listen Community Services: A thank you was received from Listen Community Services for items donated to the Food Pantry Program.

NEW BUSINESS

- Truck Bid Openings:
 - The bids for the 1997 Ford F477 Dump Truck were as follows:

1. Scott Miller	\$700.00
2. Reginald Field	\$615.75
3. Russell Lary	\$501.99

A motion was made by Selectman Kimball to accept the bid of \$700.00 from Scott Miller; second by Selectman Jones. *Unanimously approved.*

- No bids were received for the 1986 Pierce Dash Pump Truck. Mr. Paul Osgood asked what would happen since no bids were received. Selectman Kimball answered that the Town would keep it for irrigation at the Recreation Park.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Town Clerk/Tax Collector: A memo was received from TC/TC Eigenbrode informing that:
 - Revenues from vehicle registrations are down by \$6,300 compared to the same time last year; caused by residents not renewing all the vehicles they own at the same time.
 - Senate Bill 99 would allow NH car dealers to register new cars, transfer registrations and possibly do renewals. The New Hampshire City and Town Clerks Association doesn't support the bill due to concerns of collecting town fees, proving residency and training issues. Association members are keeping an open dialog with NH car dealers as well as the legislators.
 - Property tax payments are coming in slowly. It is expected that once the Notice of Intent to Lien letters go out on March 2, 2009 the numbers will increase. The lien date is April 3, 2009. Chairman Haddock requested that TC/TC Eigenbrode provide the Board with the percentage of property taxes that have been collected so far this year compared to the same time last year.

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- Transfer Station: Transfer Station Supervisor Frank Chaisson submitted an Emergency Procedures Plan for the Board of Selectmen to review. Selectman Jones felt the Board should meet with Supervisor Chaisson to review it.

OTHER

- A letter was sent to Arthur Carroll of Valley Redemption discontinuing the sale of recycled items.
- A letter was sent to Brian Jensen, DBA Brian's Carpet & Flooring to cease operation of his business due to opening for business prior to receiving Planning Board Site Plan approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Kimball; *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.*

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa M. White
Administrative Assistant*