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## Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes January 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 by Chairman Warren Kimball. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South.

Present: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Administrative Assistant Melissa White; Town Administrator Becky Newton; Fire Chief Jeremiah Fountain; Police Chief Walter Madore; Deputy Fire Chief David Beckley

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### *For Approval/Signature - APPROVED*

- ✓ 2011 Property Tax Refunds (*due to over payment*)
  - M/L 226-016-000; 95 Shaw Brook Road - \$223.31
  - M/L 220-050-000; 529 Olde Farms Road - \$1632.67

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Kimball asked if there were any changes to the regular meeting minutes of December 28, 2011. There being none, Selectman Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 28, 2011 meeting as written; second by Chairman Kimball.  
***Approved by majority vote.***

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH): An email was received from PSNH informing of their plan to replace light bulbs on Grantham's street lights. The email also reminded of their Midnight Street Light program which allows municipalities shut off targeted street lights at midnight.  
  
Chairman Kimball stated he requested Sergeant Parsons to survey Grantham's street lights and make a recommendation on which ones could be turned off at midnight. The Selectmen agreed to participate in this program with the recommendations made by Sergeant Parsons.
- Andrea Sodano: A letter was received from Andrea Sodano requesting a refund of \$49.94 for the interest on her tax bill. Ms. Sodano explained she used Merrill Lynch's bill paying service to pay her taxes on time but had received the check returned to her on December 14, 2011 stating the property could not be found.

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Ms. Sodano felt more could have been done to reach her; that her phone number is listed in the Grantham phone directory as well as in the Cambridge, Massachusetts phone directory.

Chairman Kimball said the Board will consider the request and asked Administrator Newton to find out if Ms. Sodano had been using the bill paying service previously.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Status of Leavitt Hill Road: No update.
- 49 Hemlock Lane Clean-up Efforts: Chairman Kimball informed he has asked Norm Beaulieu to reconsider removing the metal on this property and that he has asked Brian Hastings to supply a quote to remove the building.  

Selectman Jones thought the Board was going to request bids for this project as it was discussed at a previous meeting. Kimball said he felt it wasn't worth it; that the building needed to be removed as soon as possible before someone got hurt.
- Ambulance Study: Newton informed there will be a telephone conference on January 19, 2012 at 4:30.
- Back-up System for Town Archives Computer: No update.
- Rumbrook Place Tree Cutting: Jones asked if the brochure that Conservation Chair Richard Hocker had recommended had been mailed to Sara Carr. Newton said yes, that this item could be removed from the agenda because Hocker was going to make the specific recommendations to Carr.
- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) – ETAP Program: No update.
- Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA): No update.
- Recreation Park Development: No update.

## DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fire Department – December Report:
  - Responded to 13 Fire/Rescue calls and 9 FAST Squad calls
  - Cold weather and chimney fire training was conducted.
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted a Toys for Tots, food and coat drive that was very successful in helping out families in the area.
  - Met with Karl Berardi from North Country RC & D to improve Grantham's water supply capabilities for fighting fires. This was presented to the Board of Selectmen at their December 28, 2011 meeting.
  - Chief Fountain informed that he attended a meeting last night that discussed possible power outages for the storm predicted for Thursday, January 12, 2012; that PSNH will not restore power until the roads are clear.

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## ➤ Police Department – December Report:

- Officer Smith completed his field training and began solo patrol on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Chief Madore attended the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Winter Conference and received training in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> the Department held its annual firearms and classroom training.
- Sergeant Parsons received two thank you cards; one from the staff at West Central Behavioral Health Center for his presentation on illicit drug use and its affects and one from Caroline Rausch for checking on the welfare of her brother, a Grantham resident.

## ➤ Town Administrator:

- A draft town warrant was discussed. Selectman Jones felt the Board should reconsider having Town Meeting in the gymnasium at Grantham Village School. After much discussion the Board decided, due to logistics, safety concerns expressed by the Police and Fire Departments and voter regulations, that the 2012 Town Meeting would be held in the Lower Level of the Grantham Town Building. The signed request by several Grantham residents will be discussed at the 2012 Town Meeting.

Each individual warrant article was reviewed and the Board decided unanimously to recommend Articles 3 through 9 and 11 through 15.

Article 10, Capital Reserve Funds, will be revised and the Library Addition and Land Preservation Capital Reserve Funds will be listed as separate warrant articles due to the dollar amounts. The Board is not in favor of the \$50,000 for the Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund or the \$100,000 for the Land Preservation Capital Reserve Fund.

- The audit letter was received. Newton will make an appointment with Plodzik & Sanderson to have them offer direction on the how to fix their areas of concern.
- The Town Report is being worked on and on target.
- The pre-bid meeting for landscaping at Town Hall was conducted at 2pm on January 11, 2012. Newton stated there were three businesses and one individual who attended the meeting.

Newton said a question was asked if boulders could be placed near to road, along Route 10. Chairman Kimball said no.

- Newton reminded the Board that Edith Willis' house is for sale if the town was interested in buying it. At the present time there is no interest in acquiring the property.

## ➤ Transfer Station – November Report:

- Solid Waste - 8 runs; total tonnage 78.32 tons
- Construction Demolition Debris - 6 Runs; 23.01 tons
- Glass - 1 load 7.31 tons; Expense \$160.82
- Aluminum - 1 load 1540 lbs; Revenue \$646.80
- White Metal - 2 loads 3.75 tons; Revenue \$750.00

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- Batteries - 1 loads; Revenue \$30.00
- Fibers Mixed Loose (Paper) - 3 Loads; 14.29 tons
  - Revenue \$571.60
  - Expense \$750
- Comingle w/o glass (Plastic) - 3 loads; 4.08 tons
  - Revenue \$0.00
  - Expense \$71.40

Total Tonnage of Material taken away - 131.53 tons

Tickets collected at Transfer Station - \$1,020.00

Total Revenue from recycling - \$1,998.40

Total Expenses from recycling - \$982.22

Net Revenue from recycling - \$1,016.18

- Trustees of the Trust Funds – January Update: The January update was reviewed.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Story moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Jones; ***by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 6:05pm.***

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012** at 5:00PM in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melissa M. White*

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