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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes October 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 14, 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; Town Administrator Becky Newton, Esq.; Administrative Assistant Melissa White; Police Chief Walter Madore; Joey Holmes; Allen Damren; Jay Fountain; Tanya McIntire; Todd McIntire

ADMINISTRATIVE

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- ✓ Property Tax Abatement:
 - a) Eastman Community Association; various lots; per negotiation of retired lots; \$2.85
- ✓ Veteran's Tax Credit Application:
 - a) M/L 226-014-000; 304 Pillsbury Road
- ✓ Building Permit Applications:
 - 1. M/L 216-007-000; 90 Silo Lane; *replace roof*
 - 2. M/L 222-181-000; 2 Warbler Way; *staircase*
 - 3. M/L 227-016-000; 1168 Dunbar Hill Road; *addition*
 - 4. M/L 226-015-000; 131 Yankee Barn Road; *Shed*
- ❖ Building Permits DENIED:
 - 1. M/L 242-015-000; 61 Bouldervale Road; *fit-up garage to 2-bedroom apartment*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Haddock requested any changes to the regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2009. There being none, a motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2009 as written; second by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

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APPEARANCES

- NH Committee for Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Allen Damren: Mr. Damren stated that Officer Matthew Merrill nominated Police Chief Walter Madore for his support of the Guard & Reserve. Mr. Damren presented the Town of Grantham, Board of Selectmen and Chief Madore for their unfailing support of the Guard & Reserve.
- Residents Tanya & Todd McIntire: Mrs. McIntire expressed her concern of some practices of the Grantham School Board. McIntire explained the School Board denied her request for an appropriate reassignment for her son's education based on the Manifest Educational Hardship Policy even though there were provisions in it that would allow parents to put their children outside the district. McIntire continued that at the October 5, 2009 School Board Meeting the Educational Hardship Policy was revised; that reassignments would only be to public schools.

McIntire stated her concern is that the school district policy had been revised to make it very strict and felt her freedoms had been deleted.

Chairman Haddock stated that the Board of Selectmen has no jurisdiction over the school board.

Mr. McIntire felt the policy change should have to go to the voters at the school's annual meeting.

Selectman Jones suggested Mrs. McIntire contact Keith Pfeifer, SAU #75 Superintendent. Mrs. McIntire stated she had; that he was adamant he couldn't do anything.

Mrs. McIntire informed she has appealed to the State Board of Education.

CORRESPONDENCE

- John Kenny: Mr. Kenny sent a letter regarding the Veteran's Tax Credit he had applied for in 2008 that still had not been applied to his tax bill. Administrator Newton stated the application had been signed by the Board of Selectmen twice, once in August 2008 and again in December 2008.

A motion was made by Selectman Jones to approve the Veteran's Tax Credit for John Kenny, to be applied to the December 2009 tax bill; second by Selectman Kimball. Unanimously approved.

Administrator Newton informed that future Veteran Tax Credit applications will not be brought to the Board of Selectmen unless they are complete.
- Department of Environmental Services (DES): A letter was received from DES regarding the installation of a bridge in a wetlands area on M/L 212-018-000. Administrator Newton stated DES granted an after-the-fact approval.
- Upton & Hatfield: A letter was received from Upton & Hatfield (town counsel) regarding a rate increase to \$180 per hour.
- Comcast: A letter was received from Comcast regarding price adjustments to services in Grantham.
- Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce: An email was received from Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce informing that the History Channel is looking for people who collect unusual items. The series called *American Pickers* which will follow two "antique archaeologists" as they travel around the country searching for the "rare and

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remarkable" in people's junk. The ideal is that quirky character in town who may be hoarding all kinds of stuff in a barn or attic for the last 50 years.

They are not looking for any commercial entities, i.e. yard sales, antique shops, museums, etc. For more information or visit their website at www.antiquearchaeology.com or contact Josh Halpert at 1-212-627-2330 x 468 or jhalpert@cineflix.com.

- A.W. Anderson Builders: A letter was received from Andy Anderson of A.W. Anderson Builders requesting payment of the additional cost of \$400 for the extra insulation that was installed at the Recreation Park building. Mr. Anderson's letter was submitted to the claims consultant at Primex to see if the extra fee could be applied to the previously closed claim. Mr. Robert Better, Claims Consultant at Primex informed that claims are paid for what was present prior to the loss, not for betterment.

A motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the additional cost of \$400 to A.W. Anderson Builders; second by Selectman Jones. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Agreement to Secure Deposits: Administrator Newton informed that some revisions were made at the request of Town Counsel; that Treasurer Chris Morris is waiting for Lake Sunapee Bank to sign it.
- Winterizing the Recreation Park Building: Selectman Kimball informed that the plumbing part had been winterized; that the water in the boiler is protected to 13 degrees. Kimball stated the estimate to winterize the boiler to appropriate levels was approximately \$500. Other estimates are being obtained.
- Columbarium: No update provided. Chairman Haddock requested more progress be made with the columbaria.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recreation Park Tennis Courts: Administrator Newton informed Primex had inspected the site where the playground will be placed as well as fencing around the tennis courts. Newton stated the recommendation from Primex was to remove the fencing around the tennis court. Selectman Kimball stated he had removed some of it and the rest would be removed by October 25th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Highway Department: Road Agent Newcomb submitted cost estimates for paving Burpee Hill and New Aldrich Roads. Chairman Haddock requested the town engineer be contacted to prepare a budget to pave Burpee Hill and New Aldrich Roads.
- Police Department – July Report:
 - Answered 129 calls for service; 64 traffic stops.

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- The off-site evacuation drill at GVS was conducted on September 30th. The drill was successful, taking just under 18 minutes from the time the alarm was pulled until all the students were at Town Hall.
- Sergeant Parsons received a thank you for assisting a patron of Dunkin' Donuts with a fall.
- Chief Madore attended the New England Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference. Training on taser liability, pursuit policies and others were attended.
- Sergeant Parsons and Corporal Harriman received re-certification for the Intoxilyzer.
- Traffic control for the opening and closing of school continued throughout September.

➤ Town Administrator:

- A draft compensatory time policy was reviewed. A motion was made by Selectman Jones to approve the policy as written; second by Selectman Kimball. Unanimously approved.
- The Fire Department submitted a grant application to Primex for the replacement of their steel (18 lbs.) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders with lightweight (6.7 lbs.) carbon fiber composite SCBA cylinders.
- A list & measure of all Grantham properties will be conducted in the summer of 2010. This is required by the NH Department of Revenue. Administrator Newton is obtaining quotes.
- A public ceremony will be held on October 25th at 1pm; Recreation Park 119 Shedd Road. This will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the ball fields as well as a dedication of the blueberry patch.
- The ten year Transportation plan by the State of NH will be re-adopted and two bridges in Grantham that are red listed were not on the list. Bridge aid forms for Bridge No. 108/147 on Frye Lane and 107/113 on Olde Farms Road were signed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Alan Hanscom, District Manager of the NH Department of Transportation met with Administrator Newton and informed the paving plan that affects Grantham will include re-paving the North end of Route 10 in 2010 or 2011. Newton also asked about the concern for a sidewalk and/or crosswalk near the walking bridge. Mr. Hanscom suggested the Board of Selectmen write a letter to Nancy Mayville (the Director of the bridge replacement program) and request the project be looked at by a district engineer. Then a recommendation on how to proceed could be made.
- SAU #75 Superintendent invited the Board of Selectmen to a meeting with the School Long Range Planning Committee. The Board of Selectmen agreed to meet on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30pm in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.
- A draft agreement with Eastman Community Association (ECA) on the assessment of [ECA] owned property was reviewed. Chairman Haddock requested town Counsel review the final agreement.
- MS-5 should be done the week of October 19th.

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- The building permit submitted by James Ward was reviewed. Administrator Newton informed Mr. Ward already has a duplex on his lot and wants to add another. Newton said the ordinance states that "there shall be no more than one such building per lot". Newton will send a letter to Ward informing him of his options which are to subdivide his lot, seek a variance, or appeal the decision. Review of his septic approval will also be encouraged.

OTHER

- Chairman Haddock informed that the town can utilize prison labor with supervision, to work on jobs in the town i.e. cemetery maintenance. Selectman Jones stated she utilized the program when she worked in Springfield; that it is a great program. Administrator Newton will follow-up.
- Chairman Haddock requested the Fire Department/FAST Squad change their procedures in responding to medical calls.

NON PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91:A:3, II on a motion by Selectman Jones, second by Selectman Kimball, after proper vote 3-0, the Board entered into Non-Public session at 6:23pm to discuss a personnel issue. Present were: Chairman Harold Haddock, Selectman Constance Jones, Selectman Warren Kimball, Town Administrator Becky Newton, Esq., and Administrative Assistant Melissa White.

No votes or decisions were made while in Non-Public session.

Following proper vote, the Board returned from Non-Public session at 6:41 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Kimball; **the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:55pm.**

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 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*