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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes January 29, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 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 Tina Stearns; Administrative Assistant Melissa White; Building Inspector Roger Woodworth; Karen Foster; CIP Committee Chair Karen Ryan; Transfer Station Supervisor Frank Chaisson

ADMINISTRATIVE

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- ✓ Building Permit Applications:
 1. M/L 222-050-000; 14 Birch Brae; *Garage*
- ✓ Warranty Deed; 75 Learning Drive
- ✓ Memorandum of Understanding with Grantham Village School
- ✓ Property Tax Refunds (*due to overpayment*)
 1. M/L 207-023-000; Butternut Pond Road - *\$62.92*
 2. M/L 237-014-000; Route 10 South - *\$7.47*
 3. M/L 234-138-000; 77 Heath Lane - *\$23.39*
 4. M/L 236-026-000; 133 Stocker Pond Road - *\$1,511.36*
 5. M/L 236-027-000; 169 Stocker Pond Road - *\$1,012.92*
- ✓ Property Tax Abatements:
 1. M/L 215-010-050; 650 Marmot Lane - *\$0.80*
 2. M/L 216-144-000; 20 Robin Lane - *\$0.30*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Haddock requested any changes to the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2009. There being none, a motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2009 as written; second by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

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APPEARANCES

- Transfer Station Supervisor Frank Chaisson: Supervisor Chaisson submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Transfer Station being closed recently. Selectman Kimball stated the Transfer Station was closed due to the cold weather and equipment problems and that Supervisor Chaisson would like to establish quick and efficient ways to get that information out to residents. Some suggestions were contacting the Town Offices as well as local radio stations. Administrator Stearns informed that the Town has an account with WMUR Television to advertise a closure; that if a closure had to happen on a weekend she could be contacted at home to send a notice out on the list serve.

Administrator Stearns stated she felt alternatives could have been made to accommodate residents who made the effort to go to the Transfer Station such as making available an open container or allowing them to place the garbage in a designated area until it could be put in the compactor. Supervisor Chaisson responded that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) requires "live raw garbage" to be containerized at all times; that violating a DES regulation would result in a fine to the Town, him personally as well as the loss of his operator's license.

Chairman Haddock suggested Standard Operating Procedures be developed and outline when the Transfer Station might be closed.

- CIP Committee Chair Karen Ryan: Chair Ryan summarized the committee's recommendations and stated that total current revenue for recommended projects is \$281,849; which is about 30% less than what was recommended last year.

Chairman Haddock stated the Board had made some changes to the recommendations and decided not to replace a police cruiser this year and that some money would be put into the Library Capital Reserve Fund.

Administrator Stearns stated that the Board supported the video camera system for the police cruisers rather than the replacement of a police cruiser.

Administrator Stearns informed that the Reclamation Trust Fund can be used for the Transfer Station containers rather than coming from Capital Reserve.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Trustee of Trust Funds Connie Howard: Mrs. Howard submitted her resignation as Trustee of Trust Funds effective December 31, 2008. Her letter also stated that she would be resigning as Clerk of the Cemetery Trustees in the near future. The Board of Selectmen are appreciative of her many years of service to Grantham.
- Transfer Station Stickers: Letters were received from part-time residents requesting the Board of Selectmen consider an alternative (for those who own a 2nd home in town) to

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affixing the Transfer Station Sticker to a particular vehicle. Supervisor Chaisson suggested issuing the property owner a "tag" with the Transfer Station Sticker adhered to it with the property owners name and address. Supervisor Chaisson explained that the "tag" could be left at the residence so that the owners and relatives visiting on the weekends could utilize the Transfer Station.

- AARP Training Specialist Carolyn Russell: A thank you was received from Ms. Russell for use of Town Hall. Ms. Russell stated the training sessions will allow their volunteers to perform and e-file several hundred free tax returns for the elderly and low and moderate income individuals during the coming tax year.
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rita Eigenbrode: A memo was received from TC/TC Eigenbrode regarding an impending Tax Deed for unpaid 2005 taxes.
- Jim & Jane Hunt: The Hunts sent a letter to NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management and copied the Board of Selectmen requesting NH government / Homeland Security provide radio stations that are heard throughout NH for the purpose of broadcasting emergency information such as closed roads, shelter locations, Red Cross help etc.
- Playgroup Moms: A letter was received from the mothers of Grantham's Toddler Playgroup requesting the Board of Selectmen to reconsider the prohibition of wheeled toys in Town Hall and offered a set of guidelines for use of the bikes. Chairman Haddock suggested allowing use of the wheeled toys utilizing their guidelines for a trial period. Administrator Stearns will follow up.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Building Inspector Roger Woodworth: Inspector Woodworth reported the inspection on the Town Hall roof structure is complete and in compliance with building code.

Inspector Woodworth notified the Board of Selectmen that he addressed a local citizen's concern about sub-surface conditions for the planned addition at Grantham Village School; that the contractor was following Geo Technical Services, Inc. report to test the sub-surface conditions before the foundation and concrete slab was installed and the citizen is now satisfied.

- Transfer Station – November/December Report:
 - November – disposed of 78.71 tons of MSW and 23.35 tons of C&D; recycled 3.86 tons of light iron and 1.72 tons of steel food cans.
 - December – disposed of 85.62 tons of MSW and 16.23 tons of C&D; recycled 7.3 tons of glass and 3 tons of light iron.

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➤ Town Administrator:

- An email was received from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission informing that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) denied the Bethlehem Landfill expansion.
The landfill currently receives about 500 tons per day and may reach capacity next year. If the expansion is approved, the landfill could last another 10 years.
- A letter was received from Tower Resource Management informing they have worked with multiple towns in New Hampshire to place cellular communication towers in locations such as transfer stations, municipal lots, and other remote areas to gain improved cellular coverage. The Town would profit from the income and decide exactly where the facility would be located. Chairman Haddock requested Administrator Stearns look into it further.
- Budget Hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2009 at 6pm in the Grantham Town Building, Lower Level Meeting Hall.
- Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 5pm in the Grantham Town Building, Lower Level Meeting Hall; voting will be from 10:00am – 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Kimball; ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:43 p.m.***

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