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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes February 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 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; Police Chief Walter Madore; Joey Holmes; Transfer Station Supervisor Frank Chaisson; Transfer Station Attendant Ray Hamilton; Sergeant John Parsons

ADMINISTRATIVE

For Approval/Signature – **APPROVED**

- ✓ Building Permit Applications:
 1. M/L 227-028-000; 1010 Dunbar Hill Road; *Mud room*
 2. M/L 215-098-000; 103 Road Round The Lake; *Deck*
- ✓ Veteran's Tax Credit:
 1. M/L 233-014-000; Marshall Osgood
- ✓ Property Tax Refunds (*due to overpayment*):
 1. M/L 215-060-003; 3 Water View - *\$22.38*
 2. M/L 216-140-000; 28 Robin Lane - *\$108.48*
 3. M/L 225-142-000; 12 Moose Lane - *\$17.31*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Haddock requested any changes to the regular meeting minutes of January 29, 2009. There being none, a motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 29, 2009 as written; second by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

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APPEARANCES

- Transfer Station Supervisor Frank Chaisson: Supervisor Chaisson discussed alternative ways to keep the Transfer Station open “under less than favorable conditions” which included:
 - Remove the C&D and metal box.
 - Put in their place two (2), 30 yard open-top containers.

In the event the Transfer Station had to close, Supervisor Chaisson offered the following plan of action:

- Notify the Town Administrator so a message could be sent out on the list serve.
- Leave a message at the Selectmen’s Office so an announcement could be posted on the town’s TV channel.
- Notify the Selectmen.
- Post signage where applicable.

Supervisor Chaisson suggested having a “drill” and close the Transfer Station to see if their plan to inform residents would work. He will have an operational plan and emergency procedures for the Transfer Station to the Board of Selectmen in the next few weeks.

Supervisor Chaisson informed that he heard by July 1, 2009 the Department of Environment Services would ban burning at Landfills/Transfer Stations. He stated that Selectmen Kimball had previously suggested buying a chipper, but Chaisson does not think it would be cost effective. Supervisor Chaisson suggested buying two (2), 40 yard open top containers for the brush to be put in; Durgin & Crowell might be able to take it; that the Town would only have to pay the haulage charge.

Selectman Jones asked if he was certain the Hemphill Plant would take the brush. Chaisson responded that the New London Road Agent had confirmed they did. Selectman Kimball requested Supervisor Chaisson contact the Hemphill Plant directly to confirm.

Chairman Haddock stated the Board looks forward to seeing the operational plan and emergency procedures for the Transfer Station.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Grantham School Board: The Grantham School Board wrote a letter to the Grantham Recreation Committee stating that there are no plans to work on the ball fields until after the upcoming baseball season has ended. Administrator Stearns informed that Recreation Director Marsha Googins was meeting with GVS Principal Kurt Gergler today to review the ball field plans and discuss what she would like to see happen.

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- Southwestern Community Services (SCS): A thank you was received from Southwestern Community Service for working with them for over 40 years and that they will continue to serve the residents of Town of Grantham. Administrator Stearns stated SCS always provides the town with statistics and backup as to what they do strictly for Grantham families.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Arcs-n-Sparks – February Report:
 - Welcome new member Jason McMahon!
 - February 3rd – Fire Department & Officers meeting
 - February 10th – Work Detail
 - February 19th – FAST Meeting & Training
 - February 26th – CPR Training
 - February 28th – CPR Training
 - TBA – Engine 1 Training

Chairman Haddock asked Administrator Stearns if Chief Benoit had discussed the part-time position at the Fire Department. Stearns responded she hadn't heard but will contact Chief Benoit.

- Highway – January Report:
 - General winter maintenance (plowing & sanding)
 - Equipment maintenance
- Police Department – January Report
 - Total calls for January were 222; 114 calls for service and 108 traffic stops.
 - Sergeant Parsons successfully completed the Command Training Series: First Line Supervisor course.
- Transfer Station – January Report:
 - Disposed of 74.43 tons of MSW and 10.91 tons of C&D
 - Recycled 2.95 tons of light iron.

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➤ Town Administrator:

- Administrator Stearns reminded those in attendance that the School Budget Hearing is scheduled for tonight, February 11, 2009 at 7pm; Grantham Village School Cafeteria, 75 Learning Drive.
- Municipal Budget Hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2009 at 6pm in the Grantham Town Building, Lower Level Meeting Hall.
- Administrator Stearns informed Building Supervisor F.R. Osgood received a quote from LaValley's Building Supply for the replacement of the exterior doors in Town Hall. The quote was approximately \$2,000 per door, uninstalled. Supervisor Osgood is still waiting for a quote "installed".
- A repair estimate for the damage caused by a pipe freezing over the garage at the Recreation Park Building was reviewed. Woodland Claim Service (the company handling the insurance claim) estimated the repairs around \$5,700 which included plumbing, electrical, insulation, sheetrock and painting etc.

Selectman Kimball informed that Andy Anderson is preparing a quote for the sheetrock and insulation. Selectman Kimball stated that the Recreation Park Committee would like to replace the garage door with a double door for better insulation. The Board thought that was a good idea.

- A letter was sent to Ramona Flewelling for her 100th birthday. Administrator Stearns had a card for the Board of Selectmen to sign as well as those in attendance.

OTHER

- ❖ Selectman Jones asked if the School Board had contacted Andy Anderson regarding his property and the second egress road. Administrator Stearns confirmed that the School Board had met with Mr. Anderson and that the School Board informed her that the project was being "put on the back burner" due to the preliminary estimates being about 1.5 million dollars.

Selectman Jones stated that she hoped the Board of Selectmen would not allow the School to tear down the Town's walking bridge to accommodate a traffic bridge for the School. Selectman Jones stated she was concerned about allowing a traffic bridge connected to the Fire Department parking lot.

Chairman Haddock stated that the Board of Selectmen would not allow the Town's walking bridge to be torn down.

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Administrator Stearns stated that after a meeting with School Board Member Leslie Brown, the school was looking at three different locations: one down from the walking bridge; one butting up against the walking bridge (still keeping it); or replacing the walking bridge.

- ❖ Resident Joey Holmes asked if the snow could be pushed back at the Library parking lot. Administrator Stearns she will contact the Highway Department to take care of it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Kimball moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Jones; ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.***

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 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*