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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes July 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 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; Recreation Director Marsha Googins; Police Chief Walter Madore; Todd Cartier; Simon Mayer; Phil Schaefer; Barton Mayer, Esq.; Eastman Community Association General Manager Ken Ryder; Maynard Goldman and Al Cirone, Esq.

ADMINISTRATIVE

For Approval/Signature – **APPROVED**

- ✓ Building Permit Applications:
 1. M/L 237-060-001; Cote Road; *New home*
 2. M/L 234-009-000; 93 Longwood Drive; *Deck expansion*
 3. M/L 212-045-000; 44 Butternut; *Roof over porch*
 4. M/L 242-016-000; 91 Bouldervale Road; *Addition*
 5. M/L 237-005-000; 401 Route 10 South; *Shed*

- ✓ Veteran's Credit:
 1. M/L 225-236-000

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Haddock requested any changes to the regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2009. There being none, a motion was made by Selectman Kimball to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2009 as written; second by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

CORRESPONDENCE

- Grantham Brownie Girl Scout Troop: A letter was received from the Grantham Brownie Girl Scout Troop that requested help in establishing a crosswalk starting at the Post Office and ending at the Fire Station to help keep the school children safe when they have an off-site review or fire and offered to help contribute to the project.

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Chairman Haddock stated having a crosswalk there had been discussed over the years; that Retired Police Chief Russell Lary had said there cannot be crosswalks without sidewalks. Police Chief Madore confirmed that the State of NH requires sidewalks as well as a 300 foot "line of sight" which is not available in that area.

Selectman Jones stated she had contacted Alan Hanscom, NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) and he suggested having the Girl Scouts contact Eric Healy, NH DOT Bureau of Traffic. Jones said that if a crosswalk could not be done caution signs could be erected.

Chief Madore stated Pat Wells, owner of Turtle Mountain School had requested a crosswalk as well.

- LighTec, Inc.: A letter was received from LighTec, Inc. offering their energy efficiency audit services. Chairman Haddock asked what the fees were. Administrative Assistant White stated the letter did not list the fees, just a website. Chairman Haddock explained that companies usually collect a percentage of the amount of savings that were obtained instead of an hourly fee and requested it be researched.

OLD BUSINESS

- SAU Trailer Donation: Selectman Kimball informed the Recreation Department is interested in the trailer; that the cost to move it is being obtained.
- Recreation Park Building Water Damage Repairs: Selectman Kimball informed the area is being dried out; that an insulation specialist will design a system to help prevent a future freeze-up.
- Town Hall Parking: Road Agent Newcomb will make a recommendation as soon as he can.
- Columbarium: Selectman Kimball informed that a quote has been obtained for a 24 niche columbarium made of masonry for approximately \$15,000.

Selectman Jones asked if a quote for the granite columbaria had been obtained. Selectman Kimball will contact a company in Claremont.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fraud Policy: The draft fraud policy was reviewed. A motion was made by Selectman Jones to accept the Town of Grantham Fraud Policy as written; second by Selectman Kimball. ***Unanimously approved.***
- New Town Administrator: Chairman Haddock informed that Becky Newton of Groveton, NH has been hired as the new Town Administrator and will start July 22, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Highway Department: The 2009 Summer Highway Projects report was reviewed.
- Police Department – June Report:
 - 90 calls for service and 96 traffic stops; 10% increase from June 2008
 - The annual Protect and Serve program to the NH Special Olympics was held on June 6, 2009; raising approximately \$750.00.
 - Officer Merrill attended training for Intoxilyzer Certification at the NH Police Standards and Training Council.
 - Officer Merrill attended his annual National Guard training.
 - Chief Madore attended the NH Association of Chiefs of Police conference and attended training sessions in pursuit policies, dealing with the hearing impaired and dealing with mental health issues.
- Recreation – June/July Report:
 - Baseball and softball went well with the Athletics Department supporting an extensive T-ball team, two rookie and two minor baseball teams. A softball team for 10U and 12U were also formed.
 - There were not enough participants to form a major baseball team this year.
 - The two minor baseball teams made it to the playoffs! The Minors Maroon team, coached by Mark Chickering and Justin Bitler made it to the finals and took the championship against New London - Congratulations!
 - The Tennis program was very well attended and a great success thanks to the help of tennis pro Ilona Wilson. Unfortunately Ilona is moving and won't be able to do the program next year.
 - The Bike-A-Thon and Basketball camp were not offered this spring due to the construction at the school.
 - The Athletics Department hopes to bring a Pitch in the Park event in a potential collaboration with Our Town's Concert in the Park.
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report:
 - \$4,330,407 has been collected so far the 2009 property tax bills; \$264,403 remains unpaid. Reminder notices will be sent at the end of July.
 - "Register by Mail" letters were stopped effective July 2009. Due to resident's reactions to the stoppage, letters will resume as soon as the State of NH and BMSI work out the particulars concerning the increase in state fees.
 - On July 1, 2009 the "One Check" system was initiated and is going well.

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OTHER

- Eastman Community Association Board of Directors President Maynard Goldman: Mr. Goldman thanked the Board of Selectmen for allowing the Eastman Community Association Board of Directors use of the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.
- Resident Phil Schaefer: Mr. Schaefer stated that at the conclusion of the Recreation Park – Athletic Field Meeting held on July 1, 2009 he understood there would be an item on the agenda to discuss holding special Town Meeting to consider what to do with the building at the Recreation Park Property and asked if it had been scheduled for another meeting.

Selectman Kimball answered that someone had asked him how it was done and he referred them to contact the Selectmen's Office to find out the procedure.

Mr. Schaefer requested the consideration of holding a special Town Meeting be put on the agenda for the July 22, 2009 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

NON PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91:A:3, II on a motion by Selectman Kimball, second by Selectman Jones, after proper vote 3-0, the Board entered into Non-Public session at 5:24 p.m. to discuss a legal issue. Present were: Chairman Harold Haddock, Selectman Constance Jones, Selectman Warren Kimball, Administrative Assistant Melissa White, Barton Mayer, Esq., Eastman Community Association General Manager Ken Ryder and Board of Directors President Maynard Goldman, and Al Cirone, Esq.

Following proper vote, the Board returned from Non-Public session at 7:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, second by Selectman Kimball; *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.*

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 22, 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*