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## Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes December 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 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; EMD Russell Lary; Deputy EMD F. Robert Osgood; Luke Munholand; Karl Berardi

### ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- ✓ 2011 Property Tax Abatement (*tax deferral*): M/L 233-008-000; 21 Willis Ave - \$1,738.79
- ✓ Building Permits:
  - a) M/L 215-060-013; 13 Island View – remodel kitchen
- ✓ Intent to Cut: M/L 226-014-011-000; Pillsbury Road
- ✓ 2011 Property Tax Refund (*due to over payment*) – M/L 242-022-000; 50 Bouldervale Road - \$893.59

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✓ Chairman Kimball asked if there were any changes to the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2011. There being none, Selectman Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting as written; second by Chairman Kimball.  
***Approved by majority vote.***

### APPEARANCES

- Luke Munholand: Mr. Munholand stated he is looking to purchase some land off Hartshorn Road, a Class VI road and asked about the possibility of the Town upgrading the road to a Class V.

Chairman Kimball stated that the road would have to be upgraded to town standards then put forward for a vote at Town Meeting.

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- Karl Berardi, North Country Resource Conservation & Development: Mr. Berardi explained he is working with Fire Chief Fountain on upgrading the water supply for the town and provided the Board with a packet of information on current water resources for fire protection.

Berardi stated that five of the fifteen dry fire hydrants do not work; that they should be removed or repaired. The cost to repair the hydrants would be at least \$5,000 each.

Chairman Kimball asked Fountain what he thought should be done with the non-functioning hydrants. Fountain said he would like to see them repaired. Kimball requested Fountain find out what needs to be done to get them repaired and report back to the Board.

Berardi stated he would like this fire protection plan to be included in the next update of Grantham's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Status of Leavitt Hill Road: No update.
- 49 Hemlock Lane Clean-up Efforts: No update.
- Ambulance Study: Newton informed that she met with Lebanon Fire Chief Chris Christopoulos about the possibility of Lebanon providing ambulance service to Grantham; that they would be able to and the cost would be around the same as New London Hospital is proposing for FY 2012-2013 - \$45,000.
- Back-up System for Town Archives Computer: No update.
- Rumbrook Place Tree Cutting: No update.
- 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

- Town Administrator:
  - An email was received from Steve Walker regarding the Flewelling property. Newton said she has requested Don Miner provide her with a date to meet in January but has not heard from him.
  - A response was sent to the Walla family from Chief Madore reiterating the space constraints for all town departments.
  - EMD Lary sent letters to EMD Deputies David Beckley and Kevin LaHaye explaining that F. Robert Osgood will serve as the Deputy EMD.
  - A letter was sent to Upper Valley Humane Society requesting to renegotiate the terms for holding stray felines.

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- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office is no longer able to accept debit cards. Newton said TCTC Friedman would like the Selectmen to meet with Town Treasurer Chris Morris about offering a credit card system. The Board requested a list of towns that currently accept credit cards through the company Interware.
- A quote for Workers Compensation has been requested from LGC.
- Land Use Change Taxes are to be transferred to the Conservation Fund as soon as they are received (per Article 21 at the March 14, 2006 Town Meeting). Newton said there were a few so far this year; that the Conservation Commission is requesting the monies be transferred as soon as possible with interest. The Board said the money would be transferred soon but no interest would be paid to the Conservation Fund because it is a transfer from one local entity to another.
- The draft 2011 Warrant was reviewed.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, second by Chairman Kimball; ***by majority vote, the Board adjourned at 5:45pm.***

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012** at 5:00PM in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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