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Town of Grantham - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes May 29, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 4:30pm on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 by Chairman Warren Kimball. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Ken Story; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Athletics Director Marsha Googins; Justin Bitler; Stephen Wolf; Mark Moales; Jerry Bieszczad; Jim Goodrum; Steve Nowlan and others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White

ADMINISTRATIVE

- ✓ Payroll Manifest #394
- ✓ Accounts Payable Manifest # 371

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Farms Road Bridge #107/113: The agreement from FairPoint for the pole relocation for the Olde Farms Road Bridge replacement project is \$10,026.00. A motion to approve the FairPoint pole relocation agreement for the Olde Farms Road Bridge at a cost of \$10,026.00 and to withdraw said amount from the bridge capital reserve fund was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

Chairman Kimball obtained the following three quotes for tree removal for this project: Stump Jumpers, \$800.00; Fox Tree, \$900.00; and Asplundh, \$1,200.00. A motion to hire Fox Tree at a quote of \$900.00 to remove the trees from Linda Gallien's property and to withdraw said amount from the bridge capital reserve fund was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

Stephen Wolf of Contech Engineered Solutions asked the Board of Selectman to reconsider his companies' bid for the pre-cast bridge at a cost of \$104,358.47. Wolf provided detailed drawings of a proposed pre-cast bridge with express footings. Wolf said if the town preferred he can do the pre-cast footings for the same price. White asked Wolf to provide references. The Board of Selectmen said they would ask the Town's Bridge Engineer Erin Darrow to review them.

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- Recreation Park Development: White asked about the tractor with gravel on the other side of the pond at the Recreation Park. Chairman Kimball said it belonged to Brian Hastings and that Brian is making a driveway entrance for parking which he believes is part of the original project.

Sergeant Parsons reported that there are two sets of baby geese at the Recreation Park so the Pyrotechnics have to be put on hold temporarily.

NEW BUSINESS

- Baseball: Coach Justin Bitler reported that there are some parents and coaches who have concerns about the Recreation Department. He explained that since the time Marsha Googins started as Athletics Director, the youth population in town has grown, programs have expanded and the amount of teams has tripled. He expressed that he feels the Recreation Department has not been able to keep up and does not have appropriate support. He stated some of the problem areas include referees, umpires, uniforms, scheduling and conflicts and that people are getting frustrated. Bitler added that practices for baseball were banned this season due to field limitation. Bitler stated that he believes the Recreation Department needs significant additional support from the town.

Coach Jerry Bieszczad expressed similar concerns and added there have been a lot of people who want to assist but have been turned away. Googins stated she welcomes all volunteers; but has not had many people express interest other than coaching.

Selectman Jones recalled there being a committee of parents who focused on sports several years ago and thought it would be advantageous now to form a formal committee that is focused on sports to work with Googins. Steve Nowlan agreed and suggested having a parent support group for each sport. Nowlan felt the parent support groups need to start many weeks prior to the start of each sport.

Umpire Jim Goodrum stated the kids need more practice. He reported that there are a lot of kids who don't have basic skills.

Jennifer Chickering said she agrees with Bitler and that Googins needs additional support.

The Board of Selectmen felt the parent support groups would help tremendously. Googins will meet with the coaches to set the objectives.

- Town Administrator:
 - White reported two resignations were received: Laurie Field, Activities Director, effective July 6, 2013; and Bruce Hinz, Custodian, effective immediately.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Story moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Jones; **by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 5:42 pm.**

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 12, 2013** at 5pm in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Jasper
Administrative Assistant