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Town of Grantham – Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes May 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 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 Constance Jones; Selectman Ken Story; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; Conservation Commission members Richard Hocker and David Wood; Shawn Hayward; Robert MacNeil; Pat MacNeil; and Brooks McCandlish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White

ADMINISTRATIVE - APPROVED

- ✓ Payroll Manifest #423
- ✓ Accounts Payable Manifest #408
- ✓ 2014 Yield Tax:
 - M/L 203-001-000 - \$879.87
- ✓ Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber:
 - M/L 227-020-000; Haystack Road
 - M/L 211-070-000; Miller Pond Road
 - Map 220, Lots 027, 028, 031; Dunbar Hill and Walker Road
- ✓ 2013 Property Tax Abatements:
 - M/L 215-009-031; 831 Covered Bridge Lane - \$1,474.76
 - M/L 215-009-030; 830 Covered Bridge Lane - \$1,081.34
 - M/L 215-010-029; 629 Otter Road - \$1,008.14
 - M/L 220-039-000; Walker Road - \$242.74
 - M/L 220-040-000; 244 Walker Road - \$2,546.55
 - M/L 220-006-000; 37 Haystack Road - \$574.75
 - M/L 215-116-000; 31 Granite Way - \$911.95
- 2014 Property Tax Abatements (due to billing error):
 - M/L 234-128-000; 520 Howe Hill Road - \$173.24
 - M/L 213-077-000; 5 Hilltop Place - \$234.58
 - M/L 213-076-000; 3 Hilltop Place - \$199.58
- ✓ Property Tax Refund (due to overpayment)
 - M/L 225-053-020; 20 Niblick Lane - \$13.58
- ✓ Building Permits:
 - M/L 225-211-000; 25 Walton Heath – Screened Porch
 - M/L 221-038-000; 158 Top of the World Road - Generator
 - M/L 215-078-000; 9 Winter Hill – Relocate Generator
 - M/L 233-077-000; 305 Route 10 South – Roof
 - M/L 225-256-000; 4 Fairway Drive – Propane Tank
 - M/L 225-173-000; 27 Troon Drive – Remodel Master Bathroom

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ADMINISTRATIVE – DENIED

- ✓ 2013 Property Tax Abatements:
 - M/L 225-310-000; 3 Longwood Drive
 - M/L 999-003-000; Fairpoint

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular and non-public meeting minutes of May 14, 2014 and the joint meeting minutes of the School Board and Selectmen on May 6, 2014 as written was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

APPEARANCES

- Shawn Hayward: Shawn Hayward of 172 Cote Road, who was previously the subject of a zoning concern, reported to the Board of Selectmen that he has removed the debris on his property that was there because of his business and what is there now is his own personal property and not from his contracting business. The Board of Selectmen thanked him for coming to the meeting.
- Robert MacNeil: Robert MacNeil of Yankee Barn Road Realty Trust reported that he met with Town Administrator Melissa White to set out what the procedure would be in the event that they pursue having the town take over the private portion of Yankee Barn Road and gave her a plan for the proposed road. MacNeil said he thought the Selectmen already had a copy of the plan and was unaware that they did not. White explained that MacNeil presented this plan to the Zoning Board in 2009 and received a variance for the setback of the building from the proposed right-of-way. MacNeil said that he and White discussed the next step would be to have a preliminary meeting with the engineer, Peter Blakeman, and his land surveyor, Tom Dombroski, and look at the existing plan to find out if that is still in the best interest of the town. He said there would probably be a series of recommendations and inspections by the engineer. MacNeil continued that he understands that he would be responsible for the cost of the engineer and that the engineer will be working for the town. White stated the money should be put in escrow; MacNeil agreed. White will obtain a quote from Peter Blakeman. MacNeil said he needs to touch base with the SAU first to see if they can get a contract with the after school program, then he would set up a meeting with Peter Blakeman. White said she would like Road Agent Jeff Hastings to attend the meeting. MacNeil agreed.
- Brooks McCandlish: Brooks McCandlish told the Board of Selectmen that he submitted an overweight permit for the Miller Pond Road Bridge and asked if they had a chance to review it. Town Administrator White explained that the bridge engineer needs to review the application first before the Selectmen make a decision and that has not yet been done. White informed the Board that the weight of the vehicle fully loaded is about 88,000 pounds. She said the application is for three to four trips per day until the job is completed, about 250 – 300 loads. White stated the weight of the truck is similar to that of the previous logger's truck, and at that time we were looking at quarter truck loads. White said she spoke to McCandlish about whether or not the town would allow him to shore up the bridge to allow full loads and explained that would require an estimate

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from an engineer. White said she would like to work with Peter Blakeman if the Selectmen approve. Selectman Story asked White if she knew what the cost would be. White said she did not but would get a quote. McCandlish said he is willing to work with the engineer and the Road Agent to come up with a reasonable plan to shore up the bridge such as putting additional decking over the top of the bridge. Selectman Jones stated the problem with the bridge is a crack underneath and questioned how putting more decking on the top is going to help. She stated that bridge is the only way in and out of Miller Pond Road and is concerned about the residents who live there should something happen to the bridge. McCandlish said that another way for the town to protect itself and the residents on Miller Pond Road would be to have a bond in place that would cover the installation of a temporary bridge in the event it was needed. Chairman Kimball asked McCandlish if all of this is to be funded by the town or the logging company. McCandlish said he is open to discussion because both have an interest in protecting the bridge. White suggested getting a quote to find out what the cost would be. Chairman Kimball agreed that we should get a quote from Peter Blakeman and contact McCandlish. Chairman Kimball added that in the event this works out, he would like to ask McCandlish to be considerate of the neighbors and the time of day the trucks would be running. McCandlish said the only time that would possibly be an issue is if the weather is about to change. White advised she will get some dates from Peter Blakeman and contact McCandlish to set up a meeting.

Selectman Jones commented that the Conservation Commission and Jeremy Turner wanted to do a foresting project on Miller Pond Road and that if we let Mr. McCandlish do this project, we will have to let them do their project. White felt some cost sharing to shore up the bridge should be considered. Selectman Jones added that whatever we do to the bridge should stay in place until the town can finance the cost to replace the bridge. Chairman Kimball felt that information should be obtained from the engineer.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sullivan County Commissioners: A copy of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 was received from the Sullivan County Commissioners.
- Sullivan County: An invitation was received from Sullivan County to their 26th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Nursing Home in Unity.

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Farms Road Bridge: White recounted that at the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 21, 2014, Mike Hansen, of Hansen Construction, informed the Board that his only time frame for this project is July 1st and the utilities are still in the way. Hansen proposed a couple alternatives which would totally change the scope of work. White advised that if we change the scope of work, we could lose our funding which Bridge Engineer Erin Darrow stated in the meeting. White said the utilities can't be moved in time to start work on July 1st and believes the project should be re-bid as Mike Hansen suggested. The Board of Selectmen agreed.

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- Yankee Barn Road (Private Portion): See discussion under "Appearances"; "Robert MacNeil".
- Miller Pond Road Bridge: See discussion under "Appearances"; "Brooks McCandlish".

NEW BUSINESS

- Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan: M/L 215-068-000; 2 Turner Brae: A motion to approve the Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan at 2 Turner Brae as recommended by the Grantham Conservation Commission was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Transfer Station – April Report:

Solid Waste – 6 runs; 68.97 tons
Construction Demolition Debris – 6 runs; 26.47 tons
Aluminum – 1 load; .9 tons – Revenue \$908.10

Fibers – Mixed Loose – (Paper); 3 loads; 14.43 tons
Revenue; \$505.05
Expense; \$825.00

Comingle – w/o glass (Plastic); 3 loads; 3.97 tons
Revenue; \$0.00
Expense; \$99.25

Light Iron – 1 load; 3.3036 tons – Revenue \$660.72

Total tonnage of material taken away: 117.05 tons
Tickets collected at Transfer Station: \$1,480.00

Total Revenue from recycling: \$2,073.87
Total Expenses from recycling: \$1,455.50
Net Revenue from recycling: \$ 618.37

- Town Administrator

- The Transfer Station is closed Monday, June 9, 2014 for training.
- There will be no evening hours at the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office on June 10 & 11, 2014.
- The Selectmen's Meetings in June have been moved from the 2nd and 4th Wednesday to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday; June 4 & 18, 2014.

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- Upcoming Meetings:

- The Open Space Committee meets Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 8:30am.
- The Planning Board meets Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 7:00pm.
- The Trustees of the Trust Funds meet Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 1:00pm.
- The Conservation Commission meets on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:00pm.
- The Municipal Records Committee meets Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 4:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Story moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Jones; **by majority vote, the Board adjourned at 5:53 pm.**

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4, 2014** 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