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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes April 22, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 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; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; and Emergency Management Director David Beckley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White

ADMINISTRATIVE - APPROVED

- Payroll Manifest #448
- Accounts Payable Manifest #447
- Application for Elderly Exemption:
 - M/L 210-011-000; 1140 Miller Pond Road
 - M/L 226-033-000; 52 Rum Brook Lane
- 2014 Property Tax Abatements:
 - M/L 234-046-000, 67 Greensward Drive - \$3,555.67
 - M/L 211-030-000; Beech Ridge Road - \$314.01
 - M/L 211-039-000; Tall Timber Drive - \$289.51
 - M/L 211-040-000; Tall Timber Drive - \$325.14
 - M/L 211-050-000; 216 Tall Timber Drive - \$930.89
 - M/L 215-160-000; 15 Bright Slope Way - \$106.25
 - M/L 211-049-000; Tall Timber Drive - \$723.78
- Application for Veteran's Tax Credit:
 - M/L 211-024-000; 63 Hemlock Lane
- Building Permits:
 - M/L 216-026-000; 132 Miller Pond Road – New Home (renewed from 08/2014)
 - M/L 213-102-000; 42 Shore Road – Generator
 - M/L 236-030-000; 215 Stocker Pond – Kitchen Remodel/Vinyl Siding
 - M/L 213-134-000; 17 Loon Drive – Replace Deck
 - M/L 215-080-000; 8 Winter Hill Road – Replace 3 Season Room
 - M/L 234-133-000; 336 Howe Hill Road – New Roof & Shed Dormer
 - M/L 212-121-000; 7 Ash Lane – Garage
 - M/L 222-163-003; 75 Pleasant Drive – Kitchen & Bathroom Remodel

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ADMINISTRATIVE – DENIED

- 2014 Property Tax Abatements:
 - M/L 223-037-000; 44 Whitetail Ridge
 - M/L 999-003-000; Fairpoint/Northern New England Telephone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2015 as written was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

CORRESPONDENCE

- State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NHDR): A letter was received from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration informing that they were denying our request to disallow Warrant Article #10 of the 2015 Town Meeting because the Selectmen are agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and may do so at any time during the year.
- Eversource Energy: A letter was received from Eversource Energy announcing energy efficiency workshops designed to serve the towns in New Hampshire. Town Administrator White said she will forward this information to the Energy Committee. Selectman Story and Chairman Kimball expressed an interest in attending one of the workshops. The letter stated there is no cost to attend the workshops.
- New London Hospital: A letter was received from New London Hospital with three proposals for expanded service due to the Town of Newport ceasing to provide mutual aid to many of the area towns effective July 1, 2015. White informed that she and Chief Fountain have a meeting set up with Lebanon Fire Chief Christopoulos on April 29, 2015. Fire Chief Fountain added that there is a meeting on April 23, 2015 with Department Chiefs from the effected towns. White will coordinate a meeting with the Selectmen and/or town administrators from effected towns to discuss the New London proposals.
- Coalition Communities: The estimated adequate education aid summary for fiscal year 2017 if the house budget passes shows that Grantham School District would get an increase of \$520,927 in State aid.
- State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Construction Bureau: Notice was received from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Construction Bureau that Pike Industries has started the New London/Grantham Pavement Rehabilitation Project on I-89.

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Farms Road Bridge: White stated that she attended a meeting on the morning of April 22, 2015 at Olde Farms Road Bridge with Fairpoint, Eversource Energy, Northwood's Excavating Inc. President Tim Ulman, Road Agent Jeff Hastings and Bridge Engineer Erin Darrow. White stated that the original plan was to install a temporary pole for the

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electric and deal with the telephone lines separately and the current plan is to install a permanent pole away from the road with both utilities at no cost to the town.

- Ambulance Backup: White reiterated that she is scheduled to meet with Lebanon Fire Chief Christopoulos on April 29, 2015 to discuss Lebanon providing ambulance backup as well as if they are able to provide full ambulance service to Grantham.
- Recreation Park Use Application: White said she does not have the final revision of the Recreation Park Use Application form from Athletics Director Googins but should have it within the week and will forward it to the Board for their review prior to the next meeting.
- Aflac Insurance: There was some discussion at the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 8, 2015 about offering Aflac Insurance to eligible employees as a payroll deduction with full cost to the employee and no cost to the town. White explained there would have to be a minimum of three people participating. The Board agreed that this could be offered to benefit eligible employees.

NEW BUSINESS

- Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan; M/L 215-098-000; 103 Road Round the Lake: A motion to approve the Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan at 103 Road Round the Lake as recommended by Laura Nagy, member of the Grantham Conservation Commission, was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**
- Grantham School Board/Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting: The Board agreed to attend the June 2nd School Board meeting at Grantham Village School.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

➤ Town Administrator

- A list of street lights was given to the Energy committee and they will work with Eversource to see what is needed to switch them to LED lights. There was discussion regarding adding additional street lights and the Board felt it wasn't needed at this time.
- Assessor Mike Ryan has been updating the current use files over the last year. White informed the Board that Receptionist, Martha Norris, has been assisting him and that she did a very good job and the project was completed with a lot of her help.

Town Administrator White and the Selectmen wish to thank Norris for all her hard work and the help she gave Ryan on this project.

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office will be closed for training on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.
- The geese are back at the Recreation Park and Sergeant Parsons has started geese control again.

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- Police Chief Madore will be on vacation the week of April 27, 2015 but will be available if needed.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - The Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for April 23, 2015 has been cancelled.
 - The Energy Committee meeting is Monday, May 4, 2015 at 5:00pm.
 - The Open Space Committee meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 8:30am.
 - The Planning Board meeting scheduled for May 7, 2015 has been cancelled.
 - The Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 1:00pm.
 - The Grantham Conservation Committee meeting is Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00pm.

OTHER

- Emergency Management Director David Beckley informed that both the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan have been completed and should be received soon.
- Chairman Kimball reported that during Town Administrator White's vacation, Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper and Receptionist Martha Norris did a wonderful job and wished to extend a thank you to both Jasper and Norris. White added her appreciation also.

NON-PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II- a, a motion was made by Selectman Story, seconded by Selectman Jones to enter into a Non-Public session at 5:36pm. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Ken Story; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper.

Following proper vote, the Board returned from Non-Public session at 5:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Story; ***by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 5:47 pm.***

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015** at 5:00pm in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Jasper
Administrative Assistant