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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes June 24, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 by Chairman 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; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; Transfer Station Supervisor Chris Scott; and C. Peter James;

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

ADMINISTRATIVE - APPROVED

- Payroll Manifest #453
- Accounts Payable Manifest #456
- CAI Technologies; GIS Internet Services Maintenance Agreement 2015-2016
- Plodzik & Sanderson; FY2015 Audit Agreement
- New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration PA-28 Form
- Payment Agreement; M/L 226-019-000
- 2015 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs
- Olde Farms Road Bridge Contract
- Yield Tax Levy:
 - M/L 222-029-000; 122 New Aldrich Road
- Building Permits:
 - M/L 222-130-000; 1 Alpine Vista - Addition
 - M/L 237-022-001; 760 Route 10 South – Replace Mobile Home; Greenhouse
 - M/L 225-173-000; 27 Troon Drive – Kitchen Remodel
 - M/L 216-177-000; 19 Butternut Lane – Garage
 - M/L 227-020-001; Olde Farms Road – New Construction

ADMINISTRATIVE – DENIED

- 2014 Property Tax Abatement:
 - M/L 999-002-000; Eversource

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 as written was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

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A motion to approve Session I of the non-public meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 as written was made by Chairman Kimball; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Approved by majority vote.**

A motion to approve Session II of the non-public meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 as written was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Casella: A letter was received from Casella regarding the three year contract starting July 1, 2015. The letter stated Casella is willing to keep its current price of \$87.55 per ton flat for the first year of the contract, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and CPI adjustment will be allowed starting July 1, 2016 and for each anniversary date following July 2016.

Transfer Station Supervisor Chris Scott told the Board that, at the recent NRRA Conference he attended, he learned that Naughton & Son has a recycling center in Bradford, NH but they are three times further than Casella in Newport. He presented a comparison of cost which showed that Grantham would save approximately \$4,000.00 at the end of the year but felt the additional travel involved would use more fuel, put more wear and tear on the truck, take more time and would not be worth it. The Board agreed.

A motion to enter into the three year contract with Casella starting July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018 was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Farms Road Bridge:
 1. The road will be closed on June 25, 2015.
 2. Closure notices were posted on June 19, 2015 at the following locations: the home page of the town website, cable access TV, the Post Office and GVS's listserv and on the town's listserv on Monday, June 22, 2015.
 3. Signs were put up at each end of the construction site on Friday, June 19, 2015 (before the underpass and at the stop sign on Route 10).
 4. Grantham Police, Fire & EMS were notified of the road closure on June 18, 2015 and asked to notify their respective dispatch agencies, including State Police.
 5. DOT District 2 was notified on June 19, 2015.
 6. No pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular traffic will be allowed through the construction site.
 7. Northwoods Excavating will most likely be working Monday – Saturday and later into the evening (7pm – 8pm) to ensure the bridge is done as quickly as possible.

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Fairpoint will work with Northwoods as needed although Tim Ulman, President of Northwoods Excavating, Inc., is not at all concerned about their location – he will work around it.

- Ambulance Backup: After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to contract with the City of Lebanon Fire Department for ambulance service effective August 1, 2015.

A motion to enter into a contract with the City of Lebanon Fire Department Ambulance effective August 1, 2015 was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

Selectman Jones asked Fire Chief Fountain about dispatch service. Fountain stated Lebanon Fire Chief Christopoulos requested we move EMS to Hanover Dispatch to make it easier for them. Fountain explained it does make the most sense because the cost is lower and it gets both Fire and EMS on one dispatch center and it makes it easier for all to communicate with Lebanon when they come here. The Board agreed with Fountain.

- Miller Pond Road Bridge: No new information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan; M/L 215-112-000; 21 Granite Way: A motion to approve the Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan at 21 Granite Way as recommended by the Grantham Conservation Commission was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**
- Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan; M/L 215-060-000; West Cove B: A motion to approve the Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan at West Cove B as recommended by the Grantham Conservation Commission was made by Selectman Story; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**
- Building Permit Fees: The building permit fees were reviewed. The Board will decide on increasing the fees at the Board of Selectmen meeting on July 8, 2015.
- Zoning Violation at 172 Cote Road: A complaint was received from Ken O'Keefe regarding construction debris on the property located at 172 Cote Road. O'Keefe stated this has been an issue for many years and although the condition of the property has improved, it is still in violation. Pictures of the property were reviewed. The Board agreed to have Town Administrator Melissa White make arrangements for them to meet with the property owners as a first avenue of finding a resolution to this problem and if that doesn't resolve the problem, Town Counsel will be contacted.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Reconciliation Report – May 2015: The Treasurer's Reconciliation Report for May 2015 was reviewed.

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➤ Town Administrator:

- Revaluation update:
 - Everything is on schedule;
 - Interior inspections will be complete by June 27, 2015;
 - Notices informing property owners of their new values will be mailed on July 15, 2015;
 - Informal hearings will be held from July 28 – August 1, 2015;
 - Final values will be turned over to the town on September 1, 2015.
- In September 2011, the Library approached the Board about the safe at the Library and asked if they wanted it when they start the renovation construction. It is a 1912 safe and at that time, the Board said they wanted to keep it. It's coming on June 30, 2015 and White will need to know where it should be stored as there is no room in town hall and wondered if the Historical Society wanted it?

Chairman Kimball suggested storing it in the storage closet in town hall. Resident C. Peter James said if they store it there, from his experience, a heavy object like that will put grooves in the floor when its moved across the floor and suggested they lay boards on the floor and move the safe over the boards to protect the floor. James wondered if it could be stored at the Highway Garage in a far out-of-the way corner. Chairman Kimball replied he is not sure but they will check.

Selectman Story said the Historical Society is not un-interested in it but there is a collections process they must go through before he could give an answer. He added that if the Historical Society decided to take it, it would be located much closer in proximity to the Historical Society at the Highway Garage.

Chairman Kimball said they will check with Road Agent Hastings to see if he has available space at the Highway Garage and, if we can pinpoint a time when it will be coming, he will get Jeff involved with moving it. Chairman Kimball said he is willing to help also.

- Town Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 for Independence Day.
- The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, July 4, 2015 for Independence Day.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - The Open Space Committee meeting is Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 8:30am.
 - The Zoning Board meeting scheduled on June 25, 2015 has been CANCELLED.
 - The Planning Board meeting scheduled on July 2, 2015 has been CANCELLED.
 - The Energy Committee meeting is Monday, July 6, 2015 at 5:00pm.
 - The Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting is Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 1:00pm.
 - The Conservation Committee meeting is Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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- The Master Plan Committee meeting is Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7pm, Lower Level of Town Hall

OTHER

- Fee Schedule for Facility Use of Grantham Recreation Park: The fee schedule for use of the Grantham Recreation Park was revised to include a fee of \$250.00 for seasonal use of an eight to ten week period.

A motion to approve the revised Fee Schedule for Facility Use of Grantham Recreation Park was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Story. **Unanimously approved.**

- Grantham Police Department Radar Trailer: Selectman Jones informed Chairman Kimball and Selectman Story that the Radar Trailer used by the Grantham Police Department has an on board computer for traffic counting and speed monitoring. She read from a few reports that Police Chief Madore printed for her that had some very interesting statistics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Story moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Jones; **by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 5:44 pm.**

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 8, 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