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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Monday, November 9, 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 Sheridan Brown; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Police Chief Walter A. Madore, Sr.; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director David Beckley; C. Peter James; and others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White

ADMINISTRATIVE - APPROVED

- Deed: M/L 213-081-000; 3 Shore Road
- 2015 Equalization Certificate
- Reimbursement; Reclamation Fund to the General Fund - \$667.50
- Building Permits:
 - M/L 225-263-000; 11 Fairway Drive – Generator
 - M/L 237-054-042; 360 Cote Road – Generator
 - M/L 222-198-000; 7 Highwood Way – Generator
 - M/L 234-141-000; 891 Route 114 – Generator
 - M/L 236-040-000; Stocker Pond Road – New Home

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular and non-public meeting minutes of October 28, 2015 as written was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Brown. **Unanimously approved.**

BID OPENINGS:

- Sale of Hurst Extrication Tools
 - No bids were received.
- Sale of 2003 Ford F-150 Truck
 - No bids were received.

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➤ Sale of 1993 Ford F450 Superduty XLT – Utility Box Truck:

The following Bids for the Sale of the 1993 Ford F450 Superduty XLT – Utility Box Truck were received:

- \$3,500.00 Bid submitted by Leo Roy;
- \$2,002.02 Bid submitted by Robert Cowan, Jr.;
- \$1,700.00 Bid submitted by John Lane;
- \$6,525.00 Bid submitted by Golf Rocks, LLC DBA Rockingham Country Club

A motion to accept the bid from Golf Rocks, LLC DBA Rockingham Country Club in the amount of \$6,525.00 for the 1993 Ford F450 Superduty XLT – Utility Box Truck was made by Chairman Kimball; seconded by Selectman Jones. **Unanimously approved.**

➤ Sale of Snow Plow

The following Bid for the Sale of the Snow Plow was received:

- \$3,000.00 Bid submitted by Hill-Martin Corporation

A motion to accept the bid from Hill-Martin Corporation in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Snow Plow was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Chairman Kimball. **Unanimously approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sullivan County Commissioners: Notice was received from the Sullivan County Commissioners informing the Town of Grantham of its 2015 Sullivan County Tax Apportionment in the amount of \$1,287,547.00. The Commissioners also included an update on Sullivan County activities. Selectman Jones commented that she was pleased to receive the update.
- State of New Hampshire: An email Memorandum was received from the State of New Hampshire informing that the final inspection meeting for the Pavement Rehabilitation Project on Interstate 89 will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 at 10:00am at the field office at the Interstate 89 rest area.

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Farms Road Bridge: The Dry Hydrant has been installed and the shouldering work will be completed this week.

White informed that the total project is over budget with what was estimated for a FEMA grant by about \$30,000.00 due mostly to the engineering. White said she received an email from the town's FEMA representative informing that some other projects have

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come in under budget so if our overage meets the benefit analysis cost, the town might be able to recoup some of it.

- Miller Pond Road Bridge: No new information.
- Zoning Violation at 172 Cote Road: White received an email from the property owner asking for a copy of the regulations. White forwarded the Zoning Ordinance to him and reminded him that attending a Board of Selectmen meeting would be helpful.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – October Report: There were a total of twelve (12) calls for service in October. There were six transports consisting of 5 ALS calls and 1 BLS call; the remainder were not transported.
- Police Department – October Report:
 - Chief Madore completed the Stevens' Driving School on October 8, 2015 sponsored by Primex.
 - Department Secretary Judy DiPadova and Chief Madore manned the table at the annual Health and Safety Fair sharing information about services that the Grantham Police Department provides and handing out items received from highway safety.
 - Department Secretary Judy DiPadova attended the New Hampshire Police Secretaries Association's Annual Conference on October 15 & 16, 2015 in North Conway. The guest speaker on October 15th was Attorney Kerry P. Steckowych, Prosecutor for Goffstown Police Department, who discussed New Hampshire Laws and Domestic Violence Protocols. Training on October 16th was titled Managing Change Effectively presented by Nick Manolis of Primex.
 - The third graders from Grantham Village School visited the Police Department on October 19, 2015 as part of their lesson plan regarding community partners.
 - The Police Department assisted Grantham Village School with three emergency drills throughout October.
 - Chief Madore spoke at the Grantham Village School assembly regarding Halloween safety and distributed safety snap lights on October 30, 2015.
 - The Police Department was out in force for the Halloween Trick or Treat night and, along with the Fire Department, handed out light sticks. It was a fun evening for all and although the numbers aren't in, it appeared that there was a very large turnout.
- Trustees of the Trust Funds – October Report: The Trustees of the Trust Funds October Report was reviewed.

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➤ Town Administrator:

- The safe dated 1912 that came from the Library is now temporarily being stored at the Fire Station. It had some historical value and the Historical Society wanted it but, because of its size and weight, there is no place for them to store it so they would like to donate it to Paul and Kathy Osgood if the town is agreeable. Selectman Brown asked what the historic value is. White stated it was made in 1912 and it says "Grantham" on it and explained it had always been located at the Library where people would go years ago to register to vote and do all of their town business and it was used to store town documents and ledgers. Now that the Library has expanded, they don't want it. Selectman Brown asked if it was worth preserving and putting on display somewhere in town, perhaps a local business. He added if it is something of genuine historic value, before giving it away, he would like to know some specifics about it such as a model, make or year, etc. White said they don't have that information, that the only mark is the 1912 that is painted on it. Selectman Brown said it might be worth a call to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Affairs and he would be happy to make the call. White said she will ask Ken Story, Historical Society President, if he has any more information about it and then they can investigate.
- Today is the first day that petitions to amend the Zoning Ordinance or the Building Code can be accepted.
- The Town Offices will have the following holiday closures in November:
 - Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veteran's Day
 - Close at 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2015
 - Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, 2015 for Thanksgiving
- The Town, School and Eastman Community Association (commercial buildings) will be pooling their electricity usage to secure a better supply rate. Standard Power has a renewable source of electricity and can give us a two year contract at \$0.08 per kilowatt with a thirty day-opt out at any time. White said Superintendent, Jacqueline Guillette, and Ken Ryder, of Eastman Community Association, felt that was the best option available. The Selectmen agreed.

A motion to authorize Town Administrator Melissa White to sign the contract with Standard Power on their behalf was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Brown. **Unanimously approved.**

- Administrator White informed that there have been increased restrictions on our ability to use the gym for basketball. White explained that over the last couple of years the after-school program has been utilizing the gym quite substantially so we met in the summer of 2014 to figure out a mutual compromise which worked well. For this year, the school doubled the amount of time the gym is restricted as well as implemented additional requirements that our Athletics Director, Marsha Googins, be there all the time to monitor her coaches and the building due to several incidences of vandalism. White stated she had already inquired with the police department about vandalism at the school and that they said nothing had been reported to them. Selectman Jones asked Chief Madore if the school had reported any vandalism to them. Madore said no.

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The Board of Selectmen requested the School Board be invited to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this further.

- Upcoming Meetings:
 - The Energy Committee meeting is scheduled on November 2, 2015 at 5:00pm.
 - The Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting is scheduled on November 10, 2015 at 1:00pm.
 - The Grantham Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00pm.
 - The Master Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00pm in the lower level of town hall.
 - The Zoning Board meeting scheduled for November 19, 2015 has been cancelled.

OTHER

- Fire Chief Fountain informed the Board that the generator at the Fire Station was serviced two weeks ago and it is completely nonfunctioning. Powers Generator estimated the cost would be \$4,500.00 to get it up and running again. They also told him that it is a residential generator, not a commercial generator, and isn't sized properly to run the Fire Station. He stated that they are in the process of getting estimates which he was told verbally could range from \$15,000 - \$30,000 depending on the determination of what size generator is needed for the Fire Station. This will be revisited at the next Board of Selectmen meeting after more information and quotes have been obtained.
- Don Miner and his wife, Karyn, who own 816 Miller Pond Road, AKA Sherwood Forest, told the Board that they would like to have their property logged and they know they can't use the Miller Pond Road Bridge for that purpose. He said their only other option would be to use Leavitt Hill Road, which was discontinued by the town many years ago, but they have to have permission from all of the abutters. Their logger, Brooks McCandlish, met with some of the abutters last year to request permission but at least one of the abutters would not allow access. He also mentioned that the town owns a piece of land that is landlocked and in close proximity to their land and might wish to log it at some point and might encounter the same problem. He asked the Board if there is anything they can do to help in contacting the abutters to support them having access to the road. Miner showed the Board their property line on a map and where they need to access the road. Chairman Kimball said he would be happy to talk to some of the people involved but wasn't sure if he will have much influence. Miner said he appreciated any help the Board would give.
- Resident C. Peter James commented on the nice landscaping at the Fire Station.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Brown; **by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 6:18 pm.**

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 23, 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