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Town of Grantham

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 by Chairman Sheridan Brown. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Chairman Sheridan Brown; Selectman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; Dorothy Sears; Mary Ann Sears; and Ray Sears

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brown asked if everyone had a chance to review the regular and non-public meeting minutes of April 5, 2017 and April 12, 2017. Town Administrator White said the Motion to Seal the non-public Minutes of April 12, 2017 - Session 1 was mistakenly noted in the non-public minutes instead of the regular minutes and requested it be reversed.

A motion to approve the regular and non-public meeting minutes of April 5, 2017 and the non-public meeting minutes of April 12, 2017 – Session II as written and the regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2017 and non-public meeting minutes of April 12, 2017 – Session I as amended was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Kimball. **Unanimously approved.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Payroll Manifest #504
2. Accounts Payable Manifest #543
3. Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions (PA-29)
 - a. M/L 233-016-000; 77 Pillsbury Road
 - b. M/L 234-016-000; 7 Par Brae
 - c. M/L 215-130-000; 45 Bright Slope Way (*withdrawn*)
 - d. M/L 215-061-036; 36 Old Beach Circle (*withdrawn*)
 - e. M/L 215-061-019; 19 Bay Tree Lane
 - f. M/L 227-020-001; 1088 Olde Farms Road
4. Building Permits:
 - a. M/L 233-090-000; 52 Route 114 – Shed
 - b. M/L 222-150-010; 22 Pleasant Drive – Screen Room on Deck
 - c. M/L 226-021-000; 249 Route 10 North - Remodel
5. NH Department of Environmental Services
6. Appointment of Maynard Goldman as Deputy Treasurer

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A motion to withdraw items 3.c. and 3.d. of the Consent Calendar and add them to the next Board of Selectmen meeting (because more information is needed) was made by Selectman Kimball; seconded by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

A motion to move for adoption of the Consent Calendar was made by Selectman Kimball; seconded by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE BOARD

Ten year old Dorothy Sears introduced herself and told the Selectmen that she would like to present an idea that she had been thinking about for quite some time. She said she believed the town does not have enough playground equipment for older children at the School or the Recreation Park. She noticed that there are not many older children playing on either playground and believed this could be fixed by adding more challenging equipment. Chairman Brown asked her if she has gone to other playgrounds and seen the type of equipment that she would like to have in Grantham. She said she has been to many other playgrounds and liked the playground in Newport at the Towle School and the playground in Lebanon at the Hanover Street School. She described some of the equipment that she liked and also had a Power Point presentation showing pictures of some of the equipment. She thought that having more disabled friendly equipment would be beneficial too. She wanted to bring this idea to the Selectmen and explore what the options are. She also asked if funding was possible and presented some ideas to raise money. Chairman Brown said there might be some funds the town could pursue for this purpose. Mary Ann Sears informed that they discussed this idea with other parents for input and Dorothy emphasized that she would prefer to get input from children rather than adults. Chairman Brown informed Dorothy and her parents that the town has a Recreation Park Committee and that would be a good group of people to engage with this idea because that Committee would oversee a project like this. He added the Committee is currently short on volunteers and stressed they would welcome new volunteers. Mary Ann Sears and Ray Sears both volunteered to join the Committee.

Mr. Sears informed that his brother-in-law runs the park system in a large county in New York which has a population of well over one million people and he has been building at least a playground a year for the last fifteen years. Mary Ann Sears said she asked her brother for some information such as vendors, pricing, etc. She said the last park he built was built purely out of the lumber from the park itself and mostly by volunteers.

The Sears asked for clarification of what their next steps should be. Chairman Brown recommended using the Recreation Park Committee as the vehicle to get input from people and to come up with some sort of vision of what they want there, where to locate new equipment and how it would fit in with what is there already; then come back to the Selectmen with a proposal. Mr. Sears asked, from a liability standpoint, if volunteers would be allowed to build the playground. Chairman Brown explained that everything is discussed with the Town's insurer first but he didn't think that would be a problem because Volunteers would sign a Volunteer Service Agreement which would bring them under the liability protections of the Town.

The Sears thanked the Selectmen for their time and help.

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OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Cable Agreement: A productive meeting was held at 3:00pm with Comcast Representatives John Bairos and Melissa Pierce.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Administrator Report: A Summary of GVS Gym use was provided to the Board.

An invitation was received to a Welcome Reception for new Sullivan County Manager, Derek Ferland, which is being held on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at the Common Man Restaurant in Claremont, NH.

Governor Sununu signed House Bill 329 on Friday, April 19, 2017 ratifying town election results of postponed elections in March. The Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 24, 2017 at 5:00pm to ratify Town Meeting.

Chairman Brown informed that a quick response to the Board's correspondence regarding the Park and Ride to William Cass, Assistant Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), was received saying that there is a process to consider exceptions to limited access right-of-ways but they are generally rare and involve public disclosure and community support. He stated further that the Town will be consulted if anything further comes of this and that the discussions with Mr. Holzer were in response to his inquiries.

Fire Chief Fountain gave the Board an update on the grant for updating communication issues.

NON-PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II-c, a motion was made by Selectman Kimball, and seconded by Selectman Jones to enter into a Non-Public session at 6:08pm. Present were: Chairman Sheridan Brown; Selectman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

Roll Call vote to enter non-public session:	Chairman Sheridan Brown;	Yes
	Selectman Warren Kimball;	Yes
	Selectman Constance Jones;	Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 6:57pm was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Kimball. **Unanimously approved.**

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Kimball. **Unanimously approved.**

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II-e, a motion was made by Selectman Jones, and seconded by Selectman Kimball to enter into a Non-Public session at 6:57pm. Present were: Chairman Sheridan Brown; Selectman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

Roll Call vote to enter non-public session:	Chairman Sheridan Brown;	Yes
	Selectman Warren Kimball;	Yes
	Selectman Constance Jones;	Yes

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A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 7:14pm was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Kimball. **Unanimously approved.**

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Kimball. **Unanimously approved.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Kimball moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Jones; **by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 7:14pm.**

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017** 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