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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 4:00PM on Thursday, February 15, 2018 by Selectman Kimball. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Selectman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Andy Gelston; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; Police Chief John Parsons; Fire Chief Jay Fountain; EMD/Deputy Fire Chief Dave Beckley; and Joey Holmes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Administrator Melissa White.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Selectman Jones to approve the regular and non-public meeting minutes of January 24, 2018 as written; seconded by Selectman Kimball. **Approved by majority vote.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Payroll Manifests #526 & #527
2. Accounts Payable Manifests #578 & #579
3. 2017 Property Tax Refunds (due to overpayment)
 - a. M/L 222-261-000; 45 Hummingbird Hill – \$2,691.55
 - b. M/L 225-027-000; 20 Allen's Drive - \$232.01
 - c. M/L 222-057-000; 10 Sandy Brae - \$5.13
 - d. M/L 222-089-000; 10 Summit Drive - \$138.00
 - e. M/L 216-125-000; 25 Old Spring Drive - \$2760.57
 - f. M/L 212-118-000; 26 High Pond Road - \$1,888.41
 - g. M/L 221-052-001; 626 Route 10 North - \$434.69
 - h. M/L 233-008-000; 21 Willis Avenue - \$1,117.83
 - i. M/L 222-190-000; 9 Turnbuckle - \$4,089.04
 - j. M/L 216-159-000; 26 Old Spring Drive - \$56.03
 - k. M/L 227-003-006; 1029 Dunbar Hill Road - \$112.56
 - l. M/L 215-149-000; 6 Sugar Hill Road - \$43.68
 - m. M/L 222-159-004; 57 Pintail Knob - \$28.30
 - n. M/L 222-114-000; 34 Slalom Drive - \$38.80
 - o. M/L 222-081-000; 26 Summit Drive - \$65.09
 - p. M/L 215-061-035; 35 Old Beach Circle - \$39.22
 - q. M/L 223-048-000; 36 Whitetail Ridge - \$1.50

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- r. M/L 237-025-000; 565 Route 10 South – 1.50
- s. M/L 216-188-000; 14 Mill Pond Lane - \$67.55
- 4. 2018 Property Tax Refund Request
 - a. M/L 215-117-000; 33 Granite Way - \$11,813.50
- 5. Application for Veteran's Tax Credit
 - a. M/L 225-009-000; 9 Allens Drive
 - b. M/L 222-057-000; 10 Sandy Brae
 - c. M/L 225-262-000; 9 Fairway Drive
- 6. Pole License Petition - #32-1064, Walker Road
- 7. Building Permits:
 - a. M/L 212-106-100; 29 Forest Road – Kitchen Remodel
 - b. M/L 227-012-000; 178 Meadow Brook Road – Solar Array
 - c. M/L 233-122-000; 204 Dunbar Hill Road – Sub-floor Drainage System
- 8. Correspondence:
 - a. Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation: A letter was received from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to clarify Vermont's beverage container laws regarding the Vermont beverage container redemption program. The letter emphasizes that "No person shall knowingly attempt to redeem a container to a retailer or a redemption center for deposit return if that container was purchased outside the State."
 - b. Town of Springfield: A Public Meeting Notice was received informing of a work session for the Springfield Hazard Mitigation Plan Update that will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Springfield Town Office, 2748 Main Street, to update the plan for hazard mitigation from natural hazards and human-made hazards.
 - c. New Hampshire Department of Transportation: A letter from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation was received with copies of interim bridge inspection reports for municipally owned bridges in the Town of Grantham. The letter also included recommended postings for each bridge and noted that all bridges listed are in compliance with DOT's recommendations.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Cable Agreement: No new information

NEW BUSINESS

Energy Committee: An email was received from Jeannine Chenevert, Energy Committee Member, expressing disappointment with the Board's decision to not go forward with the proposed solar project at this time. Chenevert felt it may be more challenging and not as energy cost saving in the future and set forth a few reasons why.

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Fire Department – January Report: Grantham Fire and EMS were called to 23 emergency incidents in the month of December. There were 17 calls for fire/rescue and 20 EMS calls of which Grantham EMS responded to 4.

Fire Department Responses for January:

- 1 – Police Department Assist
- 2 – Medical Assist, includes assist for the ambulance stuck in an icy driveway
- 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident
- 4 – Mutual Aid Response
- 4 – Alarm Activation, Mutual Aid to Springfield
- 2 – Propane Odor Investigation

Equipment: Heating System had a couple issues in January. The thermostat for the meeting room/kitchen failed. The circulator for truck bay zone also stopped working. Both have been replaced and heating system is functional.

On the subzero degree night of the Durgin and Crowell fire in Springfield, Grantham's Engine-4 pumped water continuously for over 6 hours. The firefighters and the equipment, though ice covered, performed flawlessly through the night.

Training: The training focus for January was the Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Four in-house training sessions were completed:

- 1/09 – Intro to the SCBA, donning and warning functions
- 1/16 – Hose course, victim locating, SCBA comfort
- 1/23 – Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), RIT Bag and Rescue breathing, Mayday call.
- 1/30 – SCBA Practical Exam – Smoke filled Environment, search and rescue of a downed firefighter.

Lebanon Ambulance – January Report: nineteen (19) calls for service; ten (10) were transported.

Transfer Station – December Report:

Solid Waste – 8 runs; 72.39 tons
Construction Demolition Debris – 4 runs; 17.44 tons
Aluminum – 1 load; .875 ton; Revenue: \$602.00
Light Iron – 1 load; 3.3571 tons; Revenue: \$369.28
Brush – 2 loads; 8 tons
Batteries – 1 load; .11 ton; Revenue: \$45.85
Tires – 546 tires; \$963.00 taken out of reclamation fund
Fibers – Mixed Loose – (Paper) – 2 loads; 7.94 tons
Revenue: \$ 0.00
Expense: \$1,028.66

Comingle – w/o glass – (Plastic) - 2 loads; 2.64 tons
Revenue: \$ 0.00
Expense: \$168.70

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Total tonnage of material taken away: 118.7271 tons
Tickets collected at Transfer Station: \$800.00

Total Revenue from recycling: \$1,017.13
Total Expenses from recycling: \$1,197.31
Net Expenses from recycling: \$ 180.23

Trustees of the Trust funds – January Report: The January Report was reviewed.

Town Administrator: Election training relating to SB3 will be held in Lebanon on March 6, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm. All three Selectmen are planning to attend.

White provided the Board with a recap of all of the emails she has received in response to Chief Parsons' community outreach efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Kimball; by majority vote, the Board adjourned at 4:07pm.

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018** 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