

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
MAY 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman B. Scott Kuhnly at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, James Lofink, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Student Liaison Mark McDermott

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

No public addressed the Board.

III. MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Selectman Ohannessian, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2016.

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

V. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

No resignations or appointments were received.

B. Consideration of Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) Setting Sewer Use Rates for 2016-2017

First Selectman Kuhnly recessed as the Board of Selectmen and opened as the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) at 7:33 p.m.

The GWPCA held a public hearing earlier to receive comments on the proposed sewer use rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. No written or verbal comments were received.

The proposed rates for residential users are: minimum \$200.12 per year for the cost of the average residential gallons used per year (55,000 gallons). Commercial/Industrial: minimum is \$280.04 per year for up to 100,000 gallons. All gallon usage (residential and commercial/industrial) above the minimum is recommended to be charged \$.0065 per gallon.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the GWPCA voted unanimously (5-0-0) to set the sewer rates for residential users at a minimum of \$200.12 for average gallons (55,000 gpy) used per year and \$280.04 per year for commercial/industrial users (100,000 gpy). All gallon usage (residential and commercial/industrial) above the minimum will be charged \$.0065 per gallon.

First Selectman Kuhnly adjourned as the GWPCA and reconvened the Board of Selectmen at 7:40 p.m.

C. Consideration of Endorsement for Proposed State Highway Improvements

Director of Community Development Fran Armentano announced that the town has come to a point where it looks as though we will have the opportunity to make improvements to the major intersection in the center of town and at the area referred to as five points in the north end of town. There have been two public hearings with the Department of Transportation as well as a follow-up meeting with the state, town officials, and staff. Planning and Zoning considered and gave a recommendation that the Board of Selectmen authorize and encourage the State Department of Transportation to move forward with the two road improvement projects. Once endorsed, the projects move into the design stage and are brought back to the town for further consideration and comment when the design phase reaches 30% completion. There was discussion regarding the town green, sidewalk installation, traffic flow, and proposed roundabout that would require taking some land from property owners. One of the representatives present from the Department of Transportation indicated there will be many meetings with town staff to comment and make changes before they reach the 30% completion of the design phase.

It is recommended the Board of Selectmen endorse the two projects and adopt the following two resolutions:

(Major Intersection - Center)

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has published a display ad and mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and the Town of Granby has published a notice on the town website and mailed notices to abutting property owners, announcing a concept stage public informational meeting on the prospective transportation project known as Major Intersection Improvements on Route 10/202 at Routes 20/189 in Granby; and

WHEREAS, a concept stage public informational meeting was held on March 16, 2016, at the Granby Senior Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their thoughts and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments has identified this project as a regional priority and supports the use of federal funds for right-of-way, preliminary engineering, and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the Granby Board of Selectmen has considered the comments and concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed Major Intersection Improvements on Route

10/202 at Routes 20/189 is in the best interest of the Town of Granby, and will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Granby, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports moving to the design phase of the proposed improvements.

(Roundabout)

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has published a display ad and mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and the Town of Granby has published a notice on the town website and mailed notices to abutting property owners, announcing a concept stage public informational meeting on the prospective transportation project known as Intersection Improvements on Route 10/202 (Salmon Brook Street) at East Street and Notch Road (Roundabout) in Granby; and

WHEREAS, a concept stage public informational meeting was held on March 23, 2016, at the Granby Senior Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their thoughts and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Granby Board of Selectmen has considered the comments and concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed Intersection Improvements on Route 10/202 (Salmon Brook Street) at East Street and Notch Road (Roundabout) is in the best interest of the Town of Granby, and will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Granby, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports moving to the design phase of the proposed improvements.

After some discussion, the Board added the wording "moving to the design phase of" to the last line of each resolution.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to fully support moving to the design phase of the proposed improvements for the Major Intersection – Center.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted 4-1-0 to fully support moving to the design phase of the proposed improvements for the Roundabout. Selectman Ohannessian voted no.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

No reports.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)

No reports.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman; James Lofink, Mark Neumann, and Edward Ohannessian, and Mark McDermott, Student Liaison)

No reports.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Ohannessian, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager