

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

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 unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2015 as presented.

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.

First Selectman Kuhnly reported there are two vacancies on the Agricultural Commission, one vacancy on the Greater Hartford Transit District, one vacancy on the Commission on Aging, and two vacancies on the Conservation Commission. Anyone who has interest in serving as a member for one of these vacancies should contact the Democratic Town Committee Chairman Jim Lofink, Republican Town Committee Chairman Mark Neumann, or the Town Manager's office.

B. Consideration of Resolution to Enter Into an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Consortium Agreement Implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

The Town of Granby previously entered into an Intergovernmental Consortium Agreement in 2003, along with 36 other municipalities. The State is restating and amending the agreement to include the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. They are asking the town to reconfirm its participation in the region under the new federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adopt the resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (Town Manager) to execute any amendment or other documents and represent the town on the Consortium.

C. Consideration of Request to Improve Intersection at Salmon Brook Street and East Street

Town Manager Smith reported the State DOT has reconsidered its former position regarding the installation of a signal light at the intersection of Salmon Brook Street and East Street, also known as 5 points. The most recent data in regard to traffic volume and accidents does not warrant a traffic signal. It is proposed that a "Roundabout" be installed at that intersection, and the state would like Granby's endorsement so they can proceed with the design phase.

Town Manager Smith indicated it is a new trend throughout the state and country to modify problem intersections with "Roundabouts". This is the only option currently offered by the state. Town Manager Smith has reviewed this with the Community Development office and the Police Chief and is suggesting we respond yes to the "Roundabout" with the condition of a four way stop until the "Roundabout" is in place. It is anticipated it will be 5+ years before the state completes their review. First, Selectman Kuhnly asked if the state is looking for our approval to start the work. Town Manager Smith responded no, this is just to begin a design phase. Selectman Ohannessian asked why the state is looking for our approval if this is a state road. Town Manager Smith responded the state can do whatever they want on a state road, although they do look for input from municipalities. Selectman Lofink was not necessarily in favor of giving the state the go ahead with the "Roundabout". Town Manager Smith indicated we are not giving them the go ahead to start the "Roundabout". This is just agreeing to let them start the design phase. They need our approval to get that started. We could back out at a later date.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the state to begin the design phase for a "Roundabout" at the intersection of Salmon Brook Street and East Street with the condition of a four way stop being established there until the "Roundabout" is in place.

D. Consideration of Transfers to Capital Non-recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF)

Town Manager Smith reviewed the request for the amount of \$215,000 from the sale of the town building to the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association, 248 Salmon Brook Street, along with an amount of \$75,000 from the Sidewalk project in the \$2.1M Capital Projects, noting that funds should be transferred into the \$11.4M capital projects fund. This amount was identified to reduce our bonding.

In an effort to balance this year's budget and clean up accounting, the money left from bonding projects should be transferred to the Capital Non-recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF).

The updated model calls for \$1,000,000 to be placed into CNEF.

In 2001 the town bonded \$2.1M. These bonded projects are mostly complete and an amount of \$100,000 should be transferred into CNEF.

In 2013 the town bonded \$8.7M of the \$11.4M bonds authorized. An amount of \$900,000 remains available from the bonded amount and should also be transferred into CNEF.

Once transferred, a total of \$1,000,000 will then be in CNEF to meet model expectations.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from 2001 bond authorization and \$900,000 from 2013 bonded amount into CNEF.

A request to the Board of Finance to approve the CNEF transfer is recommended.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program

This grant program has been around for a while. At one time, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) indicated that each town could ask for \$2,000. We did and they soon ran out of money. The state hopes to get things going again so towns could use this grant money to put towards neglected cemeteries. Hopefully next year something will happen.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)

A. Announcement for Board of Selectmen Student Liaison Program

First Selectman Kuhnly announced the Board of Selectmen Student Liaison Program is starting up. Forms can be obtained from the Principal's Office at Granby Memorial High School. Candidates should contact Kristen Thornton, Secretary to High School Principal Mary Gadd, or the Town Manager's office.

There will be "Koffee with Kuhnly" Monday September 21, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Selectman Neumann reported the Town Owned Land Study Committee is planning to make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen at their September 21, 2015 meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager