

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

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, Ronald Desrosiers, Sally King, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Student Liaisons Paige Holden and Mark McDermott**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

No public addressed the Board.

**III. MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted (4-0-1) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2014 with one correction, on page two, fourth paragraph, ninth line, delete the word "too" and replace with the following: "unnecessarily restrictive, it is not done for any other boards or commissions, and it sets a bad precedent. The primary focus should be on experience, background, and education".

**IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS**

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

**V. BUSINESS**

**A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered**

Town Manager Smith reported that Lucy Lindeyer submitted her resignation to the Agricultural Commission reflected by way of meeting minutes and it was requested that the Board of Selectmen acknowledge her resignation.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lucy Lindeyer from the Agricultural Commission.

First Selectman Kuhnly reported the following vacancies for agencies, commissions, or committees:

- Holcomb Farm Board of Directors (2)
- Agricultural Commission (1)
- Town Land Study Committee (7)

Anyone who has interest in serving as a member for one of these vacancies should contact the Democratic Town Committee, Republican Town Committee, or Town Manager's office.

**B. Consideration of Resolution for Town Projects Involving Rights of Way and Connecticut Department of Transportation**

Town Manager Smith gave an overview of this request. He stated that the state is streamlining the process that will improve how the state conducts business with municipalities for these particular projects. If approved, this agreement will remain intact for ten years. The approval request is similar to the request approved back in May 2013 regarding construction projects. A discussion ensued regarding what actual changes there are in the town's participation. Is the town giving up rights in this agreement? Will our local government (Planning & Zoning Commission and perhaps others or public process) be a factor in these projects?

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to table action on this item.

More review will be conducted.

**C. Consideration of Resolution for Capitol Region Council of Governments Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Town Manager Smith gave an overview of this request. The Town of Granby participates in the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This request comes as a consolidation, reducing the number of Council of Governments that CRCOG works with. Nine other towns have elected to join CRCOG MPO and CRCOG has indicated that the majority of CRCOG towns (75% of the total population) must pass a resolution to accept the new towns into the CRCOG MPO.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the towns of Berlin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, New Britain, Plainville, Southington, Stafford, and Willington, have voted to join the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO for the Capitol Region will govern the allocation of federal transportation funding within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal 23 CFR 450.310, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Designation and Redesignation Process requires that units of general purpose local government vote in favor of MPO Redesignation in order for such redesignation to take effect;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen hereby votes to accept the towns of Berlin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, New Britain, Plainville, Southington, Stafford, and Willington, in part or in whole, into the CRCOG MPO.

**VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

**A. Budget Operations – October 2014**

Town Manager Smith reported tax collections to be at 56% which is holding strong. Under Intergovernmental Revenues, the Education Cost Sharing account has received its first payment (\$1,487,328). On the expenditure side under General and Equipment Maintenance, a salt purchase was made at a higher cost than expected. However, it should be made up elsewhere in the department's accounts.

Town Manager Smith discussed the cost of heating fuel and the conversion to natural gas from oil for town buildings. The town is working with Connecticut Natural Gas to receive cost savings for the conversion from heating fuel to keep the cost in line with the budget. The Granby Public Library building has been approved for the conversion and it has met the breakeven point in the budget. The school is also working on this too.

**B. Holcomb Farm Improvements Update**

Town Manager Smith gave a progress report on the construction of the pavilion at Holcomb Farm by showing photographs of the project (copies attached). He commented the Holcomb Farm Board of Directors was shown the same display at a Harvest Dinner event this past week. Some of the construction scheduled is working on ground grading, siding installation within the next couple of weeks, interior work, including electrical, and working on fireplace designs. He indicated the building and parking lot will be kept within budget constraints.

**VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)**

First Selectmen Kuhnly announced the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration and Carol Sing will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at Salmon Brook Park. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman; Ronald Desrosiers, Mark Neumann, and Edward Ohannessian; Paige Holden and Mark McDermott, Student Liaisons)**

Student Liaisons Mark McDermott and Paige Holden provided a rundown of all the fall sports activities going on at the High School, as well as the drama club production, the Youth Services Bureau Board meeting, Parents Day on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and a Turkey Trot event (fundraiser) on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Granby Bears has their last away football game on Thanksgiving Day.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Ohannessian, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.  
Town Manager