

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 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 Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2014.

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Resolution for Town Projects Involving Rights-of-Way and Connecticut Department of Transportation

Town Manager Smith responded to a request from the Selectmen at the last meeting to further review a proposed agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Rights-of-Way Projects. The agreement was reviewed and a follow-up call was made to Robert W. Ike at the CT Department of Transportation (DOT). This agreement improves how DOT conducts business with its municipal partners by significantly streamlining the agreement process. It essentially reduces the need for the state having to come back to the town for multiple resolutions.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the resolution authorizing Town Manager William F. Smith, Jr. to sign the Agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Rights-of-Way Projects".

V. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

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

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

Anyone who has an interest in serving as a member for one of these vacancies should contact Jim Lofink, Democratic Town Committee Chairman; Mark Neumann, Republican Town Committee Chairman; or Town Manager's Office.

Selectman Desrosiers reported the Democratic Town Committee has received ten names of interested parties to be on the Land Study Committee. Party affiliations were Democratic, Independent, and Unaffiliated. All were qualified and three were chosen for nomination. Diversification, location, and perspective were all taken into consideration when making the choice.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Terri-Ann Hahn (D), 6 Allan Place; Margaret Lareau (D), 17 Reed Hill Road; and Kathryn Miller (D), 58 Heather Lane; to the Land Study Committee.

B. Consideration of Resolution for Inter-town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program Grant

Town Manager Smith reported the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is accepting Inter-town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program grant applications. This provides funding to two or more municipalities for the acquisition of capital equipment which they will share. Participating municipalities must provide the matching funds. The towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury have joined together to acquire a trailer mounted asphalt "hot boxes" machine to be used for pavement repair and pothole patching. Granby's share of the funding is \$9,375.

OPM guidelines require that the town's governing body provide an up-to-date certified resolution indicating that the Board of Selectmen support the participation in the ICE Purchase Incentive Program and that the Town Manager be authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Town of Granby.

Selectman King inquired as to where the money for this purchase will come from. Town Manager Smith indicated it will come from next year's budget.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adopt the following resolution indicating the Board of Selectmen support the participation in the ICE Purchase Incentive Program and that the Town Manager be authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Town of Granby.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is accepting grant applications for Inter-town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the ICE program was established by CGS Sec. 4-66m and provides partial funding for any two or more municipalities for the acquisition of capital equipment that will be shared between the participating communities; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities must provide the corresponding matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a formal Inter-Local Agreement(s), as approved by the Board of Selectmen, will be executed by all participating municipalities prior to their receipt of grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Granby Board of Selectmen supports the Granby Public Works Department participation in the ICE Purchase Incentive Program for the grant request with a maximum potential expense to the town of \$9,375; and
2. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents consistent with this resolution.

C. Consideration of Resolution for Regional Agency, Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), To Obtain Funding for Approved Multi-town Projects

The state has again provided the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) with the opportunity to obtain funding for approved multi-town projects. This project is referred to as the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program. It is recommended that we participate in the following:

- Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (also known as CREDIS).
- TOD Study for CTFastrak Corridor
- Economic Development Grant for Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield, and Tolland
- Regional Service Management (CRM) System

It is suggested that we support these projects as other towns would support us. There is no financial obligation for the Town of Granby.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the following resolution endorsing the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposals and authorizes the Town Manager to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the town's participation in this program

WHEREAS, Section 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service-sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed a resolution authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, on

behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the Capitol Region have developed a list of service-sharing project proposals that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities and the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal(s) entitled:

1. Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory
2. TOD Study for CTFAstrak Corridor
3. Economic Development Grant for the Towns of Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield, and Tolland
4. Regional Service Management (CRM) System

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Granby Board of Selectmen does hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposals and authorizes the Town Manager to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the town's participation in this program.

D. Consideration of "Agreement Between Granby Board of Education and the Granby Education Association dated July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018"

The Board of Education has approved an "Agreement Between the Granby Board of Education and the Granby Education Association dated July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018". Board of Education Chairman, Ron Walther summarized major changes in the negotiated contract. There are health plan design changes in all three years. It was noted that if the total cost of any of the Board of Education's group health plans offered under this agreement triggers an excise tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 49801, otherwise known as the Affordable Care Act, or any other local, state or federal statute or regulation, the parties agree to open negotiations over the health insurance plan design, premium cost share and the introduction of additional optional health insurance plans.

Total salary increase over the life of the contract is 9.68%.

Year 1 (2015-2016)

3.25% overall increase (includes a step increase and 1.80% general wage increase).

Year 2 (2016-2017)

3.25% overall increase (includes a step increase and 1.52% general wage increase).

Year 3 (2017-2018)

3.18% overall increase (includes a step increase and 1.60% general wage increase).

There were minimal changes to the contract language including language that provides greater flexibility around teacher schedules.

Some discussion took place about salaries, steps, and the budget.

Chairman Walther indicated they have reorganized the steps to eliminate step one and added another step between 11 and 12.

The Board of Selectmen took no action on the Agreement.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Smith reported we are ready to start our budget process. Budget calendars will be distributed soon. We are still trying to add back in some of the cuts from several years ago. No budget limits have been set by the Board of Finance. However, the Town Manager indicated the Board of Finance discussed at their last meeting that they would like to see the budgets and mill rate increases around 2%.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)

First Selectman Kuhnly reminded everyone of the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Carol Sing that will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at Salmon Brook Park. Santa will be there. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Student Liaisons Paige Holden and Mark McDermott gave a rundown of events at the High School which include a Handball Tournament for students and teachers on December 5th, a Winter Band Concert on December 11th, Kids night out (at the Middle School) – where students babysit children while parents holiday shop on December 12th, and the Holly Ball on December 13th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Ohannessian, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager