

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 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 E. Ohannessian, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Student Liaison Emily Jackson

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

Michelle Niedermeyer, Chairman of the Agricultural Commission came before the Board of Selectmen to give an update of what the Commission has been doing the past year.

- Updated farm map
- Created a website: Granbyag.org
- Created Facebook page/all farms have access to post
- “Locally Grown” column in the Drummer
- Granby Sampler
- Conducted educational and social events
- Developed guidelines for Agriculture use

First Selectman Kuhnly asked if the farm maps were available around town. Ms. Niedermeyer responded they are available at Town Hall and the Library.

There will be a third Open Farm Day, which is scheduled for September 6, 2014. Those farms choosing to participate will conduct their own special activities. Last year there were approximately 1,600 people that attended with more than half being from out of town. The Commission will again be looking for sponsors to help with the cost of putting on this event including advertising, printing costs for maps and brochures, and anything else that may be needed.

Plans for the coming year include collaboration with the Granby Land Trust and the Agricultural Commission to cross promote. First Selectman Kuhnly asked if they have communication with other towns. There is some, but not a lot. He suggested maybe a couple of farms would like to do a presentation at a Board of Selectmen meeting prior to Open Farm Day. Selectman Ohannessian asked if the Commission has worked with the schools and also if there is more than one farm bidding on farmland for lease by the town. The response to both was no.

III. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 13, 2014 as presented.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 21, 2014 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

There are still vacancies on the Holcomb Farm Board of Directors (3), Library Board (1), Park and Recreation Board (1), and Development Commission (1).

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Donald Holtman as Town Attorney.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Roger Hernsdorf as Town Treasurer.

B. Consideration of Board of Selectmen 2014-15 Budget Workshop Dates

Budget workshop assignments and dates were set as follows:

Thursday, March 6th

Administration – Ron Desrosiers

Personal and Property Protection – B. Scott Kuhnly

Public Works and Environment – Mark Neumann

Monday, March 10th

Public Works and Environment – if needed

Libraries, Recreation, and Social Services – Ed Ohannessian

Capital Budget and Debt Service – Sally King

Revenues and Other Funds – ALL MEMBERS

All workshops will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. An additional workshop will be held March 13, 2014 if necessary

Town Manager Smith will present the new budget to the Board of Selectmen at the first meeting in March.

C. Consideration of Capital Lease Purchase Program for 2013-14

The purchase of school buses and technology equipment as recommended by the Board of Education and the municipal capital plan that includes replacement and purchase of one heavy duty truck with dump body, a pick-up, and a chipper will be put into a lease program that will spread the cost over several years. Simsbury Bank has come in with the most favorable rate of 2.4% for a five-year lease agreement. A resolution needs to be passed to go forward.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the RESOLUTION as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby has entered or is entering into an Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement ("Promissory Note") and a Loan Agreement in an amount up to \$673,000, with The Simsbury Bank and Trust Company;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these Agreements are hereby approved, and that the action of the official of the Town of Granby in signing these Agreements on behalf of it be, and is hereby, ratified, confirmed, and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of the Town of Granby, be, and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign on its behalf the Agreements and any addenda, schedules, notes, UCC financing statements, or other instruments issued under the provisions of the Agreement, and any other instruments or documents which may be necessary or expedient in connection with agreements upon or in fulfillment of the provisions of the Agreements.

D. Discussion and Information Concerning Union (Granby Municipal Employees Association, GMEA)

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to re-order the agenda, placing item V.D. to be discussed during closed session following Selectman Reports.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Grand List for October 1, 2013

The Grand List for October 1, 2013 has been completed and filed with the state as required. There is a slight increase of .63%. This is an indication of slow growth. At the current mill rate, it will generate about \$189,982 in new revenue.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)

First Selectman Kuhnly announced there will be Granby Day at Simsbury Farms Skating Rink on February 16, 2014 from 4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. sponsored by Granby Park and Recreation. There will be free skating for Granby residents and free skate rental, while supplies last. Please bring a nonperishable food item to donate. Simsbury Farms is located at 100 Old Farms Road, West Simsbury. Any questions, call Granby Park and Recreation at 860-653-8947.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman; Ronald Desrosiers, Mark Neumann, and Edward E. Ohannessian; and Emily Jackson, Student Liaison)

No reports.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to RECESS the meeting to closed session at 8:06 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Kuhnly called the executive session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:09 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Scott Kuhnly, Ronald Desrosiers, Sally King, Mark Neumann, Edward E. Ohannessian, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss information concerning Union (Granby Municipal Employees Association, GMEA) and personnel matters.

The executive session adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager