

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 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 Liaison Emily Jackson**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

Resident Jim Lofink, 3 Juniper Drive, addressed the Selectmen stating that Town Committees do a lot of work to engage citizens. On May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, there will be a public service session conducted by a public education officer from the FOI Commission. This session is open to elected and appointed officials and the general public.

Mr. Lofink also brought to the Selectmen's attention that while attending the recent budget public hearing, a picture of the proposed Holcomb Farm Pavilion was shown. As a citizen, this was the first time he saw the picture. He would like to see more communication with the public about these projects. First Selectman Kuhnly responded the Selectmen recently met with the Holcomb Farm Board and continue discussing future plans at Holcomb Farm, as well as the Evonsion Farm.

**III. MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2014 with two corrections by Selectman Ohannessian, V. B. paragraph two, first sentence to read: Selectman Ohannessian indicated it was his understanding the economics of the solar farm would be a 100% savings in electrical costs. Fifth sentence to read: Selectman Ohannessian requested additional information on the economics of the solar farm, being we would only see a 20% reduction in electrical costs.

**IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS**

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

**V. BUSINESS**

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

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

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick (U), 10 Haven Drive, Lynn DeMatteo (R), 84 Hunt Glen Drive, Incy S. Muir (U), 33 Loveland Road, and Dorothy M. Prior (U), 79 Hunt Glen Drive. Their terms will expire January 11, 2016.

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

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli (R), 72 Buttles Road, and Craig W. Perry (R), 65 Bushy Hill Road. Their terms will expire January 8, 2018.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Ellen Hayes Whitlow (R), 12 Lost Acres Road, to the Agricultural Commission to fill a vacancy through January 9, 2017.

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

Development Commission

Martin F. Schwager (R), 76 Hungary Road, and Henry F. "Matt" Garrett, Jr. (U), 56 Day Street South. Their terms will expire January 11, 2016.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint James K. Caldwell (R), 79 Granville Road, to the Development Commission to fill a vacancy through January 12, 2015.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Eric W. Myers (R), 22 Barn Door Hills Road, to the Conservation Commission to fill a vacancy through January 11, 2016.

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

Park and Recreation Board

Jennifer P. Bilodeau (R), 20 Halwood Drive, L. Squire Bressor (R), 293 Simsbury Road, and Susan M. Lasota (Turcotte) (R), 29 Whitman Drive. Their terms will expire January 11, 2016.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint the following as representatives to the Capital Program Priority Advisory Committee (CPPAC):

Sally S. King and Mark C. Neumann, Board of Selectmen representatives.  
Mark H. Fiorentino and Jenny P. Emery, Board of Education representatives.  
Francis J. Brady and Gordon C. Bischoff, Board of Finance representatives.

**B. Consideration of Resolution for Historic Documents Preservation**

The Town Clerk is making application to the Connecticut State Library for Historic Documents Preservation Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 to microfilm vital records for the preservation and security of these permanent records. A resolution needs to be passed authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with the Connecticut State Library for the Historic Documents Preservation Grant for the eligible amount.

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

RESOLVED:

That William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Granby a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That upon approval of the grant an appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 is authorized from the Historic Documents Preservation Fund.

**C. Consideration of Constructing a Patio at Granby Public Library**

A proposed patio is being considered alongside the northeast corner of the Granby Public Library facing North Granby Road. The patio will be approximately 800 square feet constructed using concrete pavers and a sitting wall along the perimeter. Some exterior lighting will be installed in the sitting wall and on the building to illuminate the area in the evening. The patio cost estimate, including labor, is about \$11,000. About \$3,000 can be made available from the delayed startup of joining the Regional Library Consortium. Construction plans are to start this summer using labor from the Public Works Department. Selectman Desrosiers asked where the \$8,000 would come from. Town Manager Smith indicated it would come from the library associations. The Granby Library Board has endorsed this project which will enhance library activity. The Friends of Granby Public Library and the Granby Library Association are also in support of this project. Both of these organizations will contribute to the patio.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve proceeding with this project.

**D. Consideration of Approval for Budget FY 2015 with Change in Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF)**

The Board of Finance voted on March 24, 2014 to approve the 2014-15 budget and forward it to Public Hearing. Prior to the hearing, the Board of Finance voted to revise the budget by reducing the Use of CNEF from \$375,000 to \$346,000, a reduction of \$29,000. This item is part of Local Departmental and Fund Revenues.

There was a question as to what was presented at the public hearing in regard to the dollar amount of the Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF). To be clear, Town Manager Smith indicated the public hearing presentation reflected the reduction of the \$29,000 in the Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF).

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adopt the revised budget for FY 2014-15.

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Property Tax Levy	\$32,838,456
Other Property Tax	620,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	6,828,000
Local Departmental and Fund Revenues	2,203,392
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,489,848</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b><u>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</u></b>	
General Government Department Board of Selectmen and Board of Education Capital Equipment/Improvement Allotment	\$9,813,623
Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF)	1,050,000
Economic Dev. Funds	183,500
Debt Service	10,000
Municipal Services Total	3,385,905
	<b>\$14,443,028</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b><u>EDUCATION SERVICES</u></b>	
Education Department	28,046,820
<b>Total Municipal and Education Services Expenditures</b>	<b>\$42,489,848</b>

<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
Dog Fund	\$14,700	\$14,700
Recreation Events Funds	\$373,500	\$373,500
Sewer Utility Fund	\$159,226	\$159,226
Capital Equipment/Improvement	\$1,472,009	\$1,472,009
Education Quality & Diversity Fund	\$804,816	\$804,816
2015-2024 Capital Improvement Program	(detail in Budget document)	(detail in Budget document)

**VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

**A. Budget Operations – March 2014**

Town Manager Smith reported current year tax collections are at 101%. State Education total is at 53% although payments for Spec Ed/Excess and Education Cost Sharing are coming due soon, as well as tuition from other schools. Town Manager Smith indicated we certainly will not be in a deficit. We will need a transfer this year for Infrastructure Maintenance for fuel costs because of the excessive cold.

**B. Information Concerning a Solar Farm at 107 East Street**

Town Manager Smith reported the state's reimbursement program (ZREC) may end in April. Although the benefits of solar energy may be substantial, the details and benefits in regard to the town's participation in such a program are complex and remain unclear at this time. This concept was recently brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission. They had a number of questions and were not prepared to make a recommendation or comment at this time.

Selectman King reminded everyone that we don't have a master plan for the Evonsion Farm yet and to take a huge portion of 10 acres and designate it to Solar Panels might be premature. Selectman Desrosiers agreed we need a master plan for the Evonsion Farm. Selectman Ohannessian suggested we take our time and look at our options. We need the economics to work for us.

First Selectman Kuhnly summarized the comments to mean the Selectmen unanimously agree not to push forward with this. There is no need to hurry.

Town Manager Smith reported the architectural plans for Holcomb Farm are ready to show to Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). We will have the cost estimates in a week or so. The original plans done by I.Q. Designers are for the pavilion and parking area. There is a slight change in size, but the look won't change.

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

**A. Annual Budget Vote**

First Selectman Kuhnly reminded everyone of the Annual Town Budget Machine vote that will take place April 28, 2014, Noon – 8:00 p.m. at Granby Town Hall Meeting Room.

**B. Public Hearing for 2014-15 Sewer Use Charges**

There will be a public hearing for 2014-15 sewer use charges that will take place on May 5, 2014 at 7:20 p.m., prior to the regular Board of Selectmen Meeting at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road.

**C. Flags Across Connecticut – Donate Life Connecticut Flag Flying During Month of April**

The Flags across America campaign is to honor and celebrate donors and recipients whose lives have been touched by donation. Donate Life Connecticut and LifeChoice Donor Services are two local organizations dedicated to raising awareness about the need for more people to join the Donor Registry. Granby is displaying the Donate Life Connecticut flag during the month of April to help raise awareness.

**D. American Legion – Spring Clean-up at the WWI Monument**

American Legion Adjutant James O. Hall has advised the Board of Selectmen that the Post has completed a first-quality tree trimming and overall landscaping trimming at the WWI Monument. The Legion Post is pleased to fully fund this project.

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

No reports.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.  
Town Manager