

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Mark C. Neumann, Edward Ohannessian, and Barbarajeane Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

Department and Commission Activity Reports

Bill Volovski, Building Official, reported the function of the office is to enforce state building code, as well as town zoning regulations. Granby is under contract with the Town of Hartland to provide building inspections in that town. It is a good arrangement that works well for both towns. Last year Granby issued 1,047 building permits. New housing starts are slow in this economy, but remodeling is quite active.

Granby is part of a mutual aid agreement with four other towns which include Suffield, East Granby, Simsbury, and Canton. This allows these towns to cover each other as needed during vacations or illness.

The Building Official works very closely with the Fire Marshal, Community Development, and Farmington Valley Health District, as well as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

First Selectman Kuhnly asked how Granby compares with other towns. Mr. Volovski responded they are comparable. Residential new construction is picking up a little faster in some area towns.

Joe Killen, Fire Marshal, reported his position is totally driven by state statute. The Connecticut Fire Safety Code and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code dictate where and when inspections are done. Code requires him to inspect specific buildings for fire code violations. Inspections are done at least once a year. Granby has about 100 properties that need to be inspected, some taking five minutes, others taking up to half a day.

Fire Marshal Killen manages the Connecticut Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). They have about 19 volunteers and train once a month, updating their emergency response procedures.

Fire Marshal Killen is responsible for hazardous materials regulations, fireworks regulations (events), explosive regulations, and is the person in charge of all fire investigations within town. This is very time consuming and could take from several hours to several days.

Selectman Desrosiers asked Mr. Killen if there was anything the Selectmen could do for him or if there was anything specific he needs to help at his job. Mr. Killen thanked Selectman Desrosiers and indicated he did not have any additional needs at this time.

Public Session began with resident Vito Rutigliano, 4 Juniper Drive, addressing the Board of Selectmen in support of Celebrate Granby 2014. Selectman Desrosiers asked if this year's celebration will be the same setup as last year. He did inquire as to the management of the sale of alcohol. Mr. Rutigliano indicated the area of the beer garden will be roped off and identifications will be checked as well as wrist bands distributed to those being approved.

**III. MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2014.

**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.

**B. Consideration of Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Granby 2014 Requests – Closing of the Park and Permit for Alcohol**

Selectman Desrosiers indicated we have been doing Celebrate Granby requests for many years. The park may be used Saturday morning before 11:30 a.m. for athletic activities.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the closure of Salmon Brook Park to all activities after 3 p.m. Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and after 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. It is understood that the big multi-purpose field at the park will be closed to activities on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> after 3 p.m. through Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (approximately 9 a.m.) for the set up and breakdown of the Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Granby event. A permit for the use of alcohol is also approved during the event on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 12 noon until 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Consideration of Resolution Adopting 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued its Approval Pending Adoption for the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. This replaces the now outdated plan of May, 2008 and is considered to be a conditional approval until it is formally approved by the local CRCOG municipalities. The adoption of a resolution is needed for the Town of Granby to formally approve the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Selectman Desrosiers inquired, once this is approved, and formally adopted, does this mean the town's grant application is approved? Mrs. Scibelli responded it will help to move things ahead.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the resolution below, Adopting 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen recognizes the threats that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Granby; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Granby in collaboration with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan known as the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update has identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters that affect the Town of Granby and the region; and

**WHEREAS,** public and committee meetings were held between March 15, 2012 and October 2, 2013, regarding the development and review of the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security has approved the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update, on condition of local adoption, enabling the Town of Granby to apply for Hazard Mitigation grant funding; and

**WHEREAS,** adoption by the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen demonstrates their commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation goals outlined in the Town of Granby's section of the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

**VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

No reports.

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

**A. Proclamation – Senior Center Month**

First Selectman Kuhnly read a proclamation declaring the month of September 2014 to be Senior Center Month. He thanked everyone involved at the Senior Center and all volunteers that help to make the Senior Center a success.

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

No reports.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbarajean C. Scibelli for  
William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager