

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager, and Student Liaison Sarah Wutka

First Selectman Adams asked everyone to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PUBLIC SESSION**

**Presentation of Plaques for the Community Service Awards**

Prior to the start of tonight's meeting, the Board of Selectmen held a reception to honor community volunteers.

First Selectman Adams opened tonight's meeting indicating the public session portion would begin with the Community Service Awards presentation to thank and honor volunteers.

The winners of the student category were Emily Henselder and Sarah Toth. Both high school students write and report for the Granby Drummer. They are also the direct link between Granby Memorial High School and the Drummer, writing about Granby as well as news at the High School.

The winner of the adult category was Ted Christensen. Moving to town 51 years ago, he has been very active in the community. He was responsible for purchasing and setting up a nativity scene in the center of town, was a former Selectman, and a Cub Master. He has also been very active with the South Congregational Church, just recently retiring from the treasurer position.

**Recognition of Student Liaisons**

Sarah Wutka, a high school junior, has served as a liaison for the past year. She is studying Mandarin Chinese and is very active in sports including soccer, track, and swimming.

Casey Buchholz, a high school senior is an honor student and very active in sports including ice hockey and lacrosse. He will be attending Wheaton College in the fall.

**Robert (Bob) Hensley, Chairman – Simsbury Performing Art Center**

Bob Hensely, Board Chairman of the Simsbury Performing Arts Center made a presentation to the Selectmen indicating he is expanding the reach of the Simsbury Performing Arts Center in the Farmington Valley. He is reaching out to people in the Farmington Valley to let them know where they are located and what they have to offer. They are recruiting board members outside of Simsbury in order to give them more diversity. The 2013 Talcott Mountain Music Festival, a summer concert series for the Hartford Symphony, is at the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows from June

28, 2013 – July 26, 2013. Information and tickets can be purchased on their website. Go to: hartfordsymphony.org

Donald Wilmot, 32 Spring Glen Road, spoke in support of Jim Warnke who had applied for a full-time Dispatcher position with the Granby Police Department.

## **II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2013, as presented.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) public hearing of May 6, 2013, as presented.

## **III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS**

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

## **IV. BUSINESS**

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

No resignations or appointments were received.

### **B. Consideration of Civic Club Request for New Plantings at the Town Center and Recognition of Civic Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

First Selectman Adams read a RESOLUTION recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Granby Civic Club.

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the resolution, recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Granby Civic Club, below:

**WHEREAS,** In 1913 a group of conscientious young women in a South Congregational Church Sunday school class started a Girls Sewing Circle, which became the **Granby Civic Club**; and

**WHEREAS,** Their first project was sewing cushions for the pews of the church, followed by the raising of funds to assist with improvement to the town library; and

**WHEREAS,** The **Granby Civic Club** has continued its dedication to community projects with gifts for numerous community needs; and

**WHEREAS,** The Civic Club projects now include donations to the Granby Land Trust, the Salmon Brook Historical Society, and planters at the Town Center intersections; and

**WHEREAS,** To commemorate the **Civic Club's 100th anniversary**, the Civic Club is sponsoring a new floral arrangement in the Town Center,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Selectmen offer its sincere congratulations to the **Granby Civic Club** for their 100 years of "*Making a Better Granby*" and thank them for all they have done and continue to do for our town.

First Selectman Adams thanked the Granby Civic Club for the wonderful flower plantings they do every year. The Club has requested permission to establish a new decorative area in the Town Center. The new planting area selected is at the triangle just north of the town green on Route 10 and Routes 20/189.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the new decorative planting area selected by the Granby Civic Club located at the triangle just north of the town green on Route 10 and Routes 20/189.

### **C. Consideration of Peppermill Deli & Bakery Proposed Addition**

The renters of Peppermill Deli & Bakery have requested approval to build an addition to accommodate a customer seating area. They will pay for the complete cost of the improvement. After reviewing the request it is felt that this permanent improvement will economically benefit the town by adding value to the building as well as supporting additional business activity. Selectman Desrosiers asked if this addition would be overlapping the projected area to be used for a road in the future. Town Manager Smith indicated the proposed addition is on the north side of the building and the possible roadway would be on the south side. It was also stated the State Department of Transportation has notified the town that the state approved the signal light at Floydville Road and Salmon Brook Street. Selectman King indicated this would be a win for the town. The Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to comment on the proposal at their May 28, 2013 meeting.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the proposed addition to the Peppermill Deli & Bakery at 83 Salmon Brook Street pending comment from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to add agenda item IV. BUSINESS – ITEM D. Consideration of Resolution for Town Construction Projects Involving ConnDOT.

### **D. Consideration of Resolution for Town Construction Projects Involving ConnDOT**

To streamline the process and eliminate long delays on projects that Granby will be involved in with the State Department of Transportation (DOT), the DOT developed a "Master Municipal Agreement for town Construction Projects". This agreement will remain intact for ten years. It is hoped to eliminate delays when reimbursements from the State or the Federal Government are involved.

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

**V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

**A. Budget Operations Report – April 2013**

Town Manager Smith reported budgeted collections to be at 101%. Local revenues are at 94%. Fund transfers of approximately \$20,000 will be needed for Legal Fees due to Union challenges. Also, a transfer of approximately \$30,000 for Police Operations will be needed. Most everything else is on target.

**VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)**

First Selectman Adams reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Parade that will take place on Monday, May 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. starting on Bank Street. This year's speaker will be William Simanski, State Representative 62<sup>nd</sup> District. There will also be the dedication ceremony of the War On Terror Memorial Monument.

Most of the Selectmen will be marching this year.

**VII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, and Mark Neumann, and Casey Buchholz and Sarah Wutka Student Liaisons)**

Selectman Desrosiers wanted to say how proud he is of our Police Department and mentioned the award ceremony that took place last week acknowledging several officers for their work over the last year.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.  
Town Manager