

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 8:08 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers (via speaker phone), B. Scott Kuhnly (via speaker phone), Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

I. PUBLIC SESSION

Department of Public Works Director James Klase recognized two employees for their many years of service to the town. They are Warren "Scotty" Chamberlain for 30 years of service and David "Digger" Shinder for 25 years of service. They both started out at an entry level and worked their way up to their current positions. Mr. Klase congratulated both of them and hopes they will continue to serve the town for many years to come.

Granby resident Jerry Ledger updated the Board on the Farmington Valley Trail. He handed out updated maps and indicated they are also available in the Town Clerk's Office. For more information people may go to their website at www.fvgreenway.org. Mr. Ledger offered to give tours of the trail to anyone interested, walking or biking.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 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

Town Manager Smith mentioned Board of Finance member, Robert Clark, has resigned because he has moved out of town. A formal letter of resignation has not yet been received.

Vacancies are: Commission on Aging (2), Conservation Commission (1), and Employee Health Benefits Fund Advisory Committee (1).

B. Consideration of Resolution for Proposed Route 10/202 Sidewalk Project

A second informational hearing on the proposed sidewalk project was held prior to the Board of Selectmen's meeting tonight. The first one was held in December 2012. The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Urban projects guidelines require a resolution from the legislative body to support the proposed project. Selectman Neumann read the resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby has published a legal notice display ad, mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a formal

letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public informational meeting on the proposed STP Urban project known as Proposed on Route 10/202 (Salmon Brook Street) Sidewalk Installation Project, STP Urban Program – Town of Granby, #55-H001; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on June 17, 2013, at Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which residents attending the meeting had an opportunity to voice concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation and Capitol Region Council of Governments has selected this project as a regional priority and has agreed to utilize federal funds for right-of-way and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the project is utilizing 80% Federal funds and the local share will be 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has considered the concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the Proposed Route 10/202 Sidewalk Installation Project, STP Urban Program – Town of Granby, #55-H001 is in the best interest of the Town of Granby and will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Granby, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the resolution for the proposed route 10/202 sidewalk project.

C. Consideration of Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (GWPCA) Cost Share for Waste Water Treatment Plant Clean Water Fund (CWF) Project #392C-1

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to appropriate funding for 2012-13 to 2016-17 for Granby's 9.2% share for expansion and improvements of sewer usage with Simsbury.

Town Manager Smith reported Granby is obligated to pay its share for improvements. The payments are made from the Sewer Assessment Fund and the Sewer Utility Fund, with increases in user fees as needed. It is recommended to continue to make payment from the Sewer Assessment Fund in an amount of \$100,000 and an amount of \$16,126 from the Sewer Utility. The Sewer Assessment Fund as well as the Sewer Utility Fund can be drawn down for the next five years. However, the Funds should not be depleted. A reserve should be kept in the event of expansion or for repairs.

D. Consideration of Funding Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Granby will partner with Simsbury, Avon, and Canton to hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on August 17, 2013. It is planned to take place at the Simsbury Department of Public Works, 66 Town Forest Road in Simsbury. It is hoped that in the future this collection day can be held more than once a year. Granby's share to participate in the collection day is \$7,500. Selectman Desrosiers asked if the same items will be collected and it was indicated latex and oil paints would now be included.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to appropriate \$7,500 from the Solid Waste Fund for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

E. Consideration of Transfer of Accounts 2012-2013

As a result of additional legal activity because of personnel and planning and zoning issues, a transfer of \$20,000 is requested from Solid Waste and Recycling to Legal Services. In addition, a transfer of \$25,000 is requested from Police Communications and Dispatching to Police Operations and Services due to additional overtime needs.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from Solid Waste and Recycling to Legal and \$25,000 from Police Communications and Dispatching to Police Operations and Services. It will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for their approval.

F. Consideration of Agreement with Public Works and Dispatch Union (UPSEU)

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to reorder the agenda, placing item IV.F. to be discussed during closed session following Selectman Reports.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Budget Operations Report – May 2013

Town Manager Smith reported budgeted collections to be at 101%. Bottom line Intergovernmental Revenue is at 104%. General Fund Revenues is reported to be in excess of \$553,194. The Board of Education is expected to return about \$200,000.

B. Public Works Assist Tennis Court Replacement with Board of Education

The Department of Public Works will be assisting with the replacement of the tennis courts at the high school. The Board of Education has secured funding from their budget and will be saving approximately \$150,000 by working in-house with the Department of Public Works. It is hoped to have this project accomplished this summer or fall. This will include fencing, posts, paving, and striping.

C. Animal Control

It has become apparent that there is a problem with feral cats in town. It seems there are people that continue to feed them and this contributes to the cycle of overpopulation of feral cats in addition to the fact they are carriers of disease. Town Manager Smith indicated he will be looking into and reviewing a sample ordinance that the Board may want to put in place.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

First Selectman Adams wanted to alert the public that there would be a mock ice storm disaster event to take place June 20, 2013 in western Connecticut. This is a planned, live practice for CT Emergency Response Teams. Granby will participate as a support town.

First Selectman Adams announced Granby Memorial High School graduation is this Friday, June 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

VII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, and Mark Neumann)

No reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed to closed session at 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Adams called the executive session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:45 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers (via speaker phone), B. Scott Kuhnly (via speaker phone), Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed agreement with Public Works and Dispatch Union (UPSEU).

The executive session adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager