

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JULY 15, 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, Sally King (via speaker phone), B. Scott Kuhnly, Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

I. PUBLIC SESSION

None.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted (3-0-1) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2013 as presented. Selectman King abstained.

III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

Paul Lambert has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission effective August 1, 2013.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to regretfully accept the resignation of Paul Lambert.

Kelly O. Rome (R) has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Finance. She has served as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the past eight years.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board unanimously voted (4-0-0) to approve the appointment of Kelly O. Rome (R), 5 Fawn Drive, to fill a vacancy on the Board of Finance. Her term will expire November 19, 2013.

Present vacancies include: Commission on Aging (2), Conservation Commission (1), Employee Health Benefits Fund Advisory Committee (1), Holcomb Farm Board of Directors (2), and Planning and Zoning Commission (1).

B. Consideration of Holcomb Farm Board of Directors Re-appointment and Endorsements

Lynette Simpson, Vice President of Holcomb Farm, was present to explain the appointments. An endorsement is being requested for Gary Kanter, a new member for a three-year term and Marilyn Sponzo, a new member for a three-year term, both to expire June 2016. Also, Jack Lareau is seeking re-appointment by the Selectmen for a three-year term to expire in June 2016. The Holcomb Farm Board of Directors is

now maintaining a board of 11 directors, giving the Board of Selectmen two vacancies to fill. These vacancies should be filled as soon as possible.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the endorsements and re-appointment to the Holcomb Farm Board of Directors as listed above.

C. Consideration of Approval for Second Subregistrar Appointment

Town Manager Smith reviewed the status of the subregistrars. John C. Carmon of Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Avon is one of the appointed subregistrars and there is now a vacancy for the second subregistrar due to the recent death of Frank W. Carmon, III.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the appointment of Frank W. Carmon, IV, 364 Salmon Brook Street, as the second subregistrar.

D. Consideration of Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Granby 2013 – Lions Club Alcohol Beverages Tent on October 5, 2013

On behalf of the Granby Lion's Club, the Director of Recreation and Leisure Services is requesting permission for a special permit to sell and consume alcohol, in accordance with state law and the Ordinance Authorizing Promulgation of Rules and Regulations for Parks for the Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Granby 2013 event on October 5, 2013.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve a special permit for the use of alcohol on October 5, 2013 with the following conditions: alcohol is permitted for sale and consumption at Salmon Brook Park on October 5, 2013 between the hours of 12 noon – 8:00 p.m., provided it be within a fenced-in or roped-off area and upon the condition that all state and local rules and regulations are followed.

E. Consideration to Approve Revised Resolution for Funding Under the STP Urban Program Phase II for a Center Corridor Study Administered by the Capitol Region Council of Governments

Town Manager Smith, Director of Community Development Armentano, Director of Public Works Klase, and Town Engineer Clark have been working together regarding the Granby center major intersection improvements, which includes realignment of Salmon Brook Street (Route 10/202), Route 20, and Route 189. The town has been advised to resend our resolution with a slight modification from the original resolution, eliminating a paragraph referring to federal monies.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the resolution below:

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Federally funded STP Urban Program, administered by the Capitol Region Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Granby make application for projects qualified for funding under STP Urban Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby is making application to CRCOG for a Center Corridor Study that involves U.S. Route 10/202, State Route 20, and State Route 189;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Granby authorize the Town Manager, William F. Smith, Jr., to apply for funding under the STP Urban Program and to execute any documents necessary to obtain such funding.

F. Consideration of Natural Gas Lines Along Salmon Brook Street

Gas lines presently are installed up to the Stop & Shop plaza. Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) has recently approached the town wanting to extend service to the town and Board of Education (BOE) buildings up to the high school. An analysis has been done on cost savings and it indicated that the town and BOE budgets would save over \$200,000 per year at today's prices. CNG has been asked to contact the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) to delay paving the center section of Salmon Brook Street from Stop & Shop plaza to the high school, therefore allowing the town the necessary time to initiate the installation of the gas lines.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to authorize the Town Manager to sign agreements with CNG to provide natural gas service to Granby facilities contingent upon an understanding that the cost savings analysis proves beneficial and that the Town Attorney finds it acceptable.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Capital Projects Update

Town Manager Smith reported all projects are moving along well. The Pond House is about 60% complete and is expected to open this fall. The Athletic Fields turf will be installed early August. The middle school generator is still being looked into. The Silver Street Bridge is done and is highlighted on the state's Department of Transportation (DOT) website.

Selectman Kuhnly noted that the fencing around the Athletic Fields was recently removed in order for the contractor to do further work. Apparently the public took this to mean the track was now useable; it is not. He asked that the public refrain from using the track at this time, so the materials used for the track could cure properly.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

First Selectman Adams noted the upcoming caucuses for municipal offices would be held on July 18, 2013. He encouraged residents who are not yet registered voters, to please register.

An email was received from a resident thanking the Police Department for a "wonderful job" in handling a 911 call made by their four year old. Although they called the police immediately to say the child had accidentally dialed the number, the police followed up with a visit and a lesson for the child.

Recently the Town of Avon looked to Granby for assistance with fields to be used by the Avon Youth Lacrosse. Their fields became unusable due to the amount of rain we had received and on a late Friday afternoon they found themselves scrambling to find fields to be used over the weekend. Our Park and Recreation Department stepped up to help out.

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

No reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager