

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 7:32 p.m.

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

I. PUBLIC SESSION

No public addressed the Board.

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 October 15, 2012 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

There were no resignations. First Selectman Adams indicated there is one vacancy on the Development Commission. An interested volunteer can contact the Town Committee Chairmen B. Scott Kuhnly (R) or Margaret Chapple (D), or the Town Manager's office for further information.

B. Consideration of Application and Resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Program Project – Avon, Granby, and Simsbury

The state is again providing an opportunity to obtain funding for approved multi-town projects. The Towns of Granby, Avon, and Simsbury have met and recommend the purchase of asphalt recycling equipment. This would allow each town to generate their own hot patch year-round, eliminating the need to purchase the material commercially. There would be no upfront costs, and the ongoing cost of maintenance and upkeep would be spread across three municipal budgets.

To participate, each town is required to adopt a resolution of endorsement.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the application and resolution below, endorsing the Regional Performance Incentive Program Project – Avon, Granby, and Simsbury.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth) passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides incentive grants

to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, Steve Bartha, Avon Assistant Town Manger, is acting as a convener and facilitator of a service sharing project for Shared Asphalt Recycling Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the three towns have developed a service sharing project proposal that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal entitled: Shared Asphalt Recycling Equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen do hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program Project proposal and authorizes the *Town Manager* to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the town's participation in this program.

C. Consideration of Application and Resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Program Project - CRCOG

First Selectman Adams indicated this application and resolution is similar to the previous one adopted. This opportunity to obtain funding for approved multi-town projects is provided by the state to its regional agencies, in our case the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). This project is also referred to as the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program.

After meeting with CRCOG to review projects, it is recommended that we participate in the various projects being offered.

As with the previous application, there is no financial commitment now.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the application and resolution below endorsing the Regional Performance Incentive Program Project - CRCOG.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth) passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2012 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed a resolution authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for funding under the Regional

Performance Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the Capitol Region have developed a list of service sharing project proposals that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities and the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby has expressed an interest in taking part in the projects proposal entitled:

1. Code Enforcement Software
2. Human Resources On-line Clearinghouse and Templates
3. Human Resources Town Employee Portal – Regional Development
4. Local Call Log and Management System
5. Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory
6. Regional Mutual Disaster Recovery

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen do hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program Projects proposal and authorizes the *Town Manager* to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the town's participation in this program.

D. Consideration of Grant Application for Department of Police Services

The Granby Police Department is eligible for a DUI Enforcement Program Grant. Captain Tyler has prepared the application that is due this month. The maximum amount of the grant is \$28,445 and it will cover overtime costs including benefits over a two-year period. The Police Officers assigned for these overtime shifts will not be on regular patrol. This will be additional coverage strictly for DUI enforcement, particularly during holiday times. The state will pay 75% including benefits for this additional police coverage.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the grant application for a DUI Enforcement Program and appropriate the grant amount of \$28,445 from the Police Grants Fund.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. CCM Prescription Program

Town Manager Smith reported that CCM is offering a benefit program for prescription coverage to those who do not have prescription coverage. There would be no extra burden to the town. This is the first year it has been made available. CCM would sponsor this and will send out information about the program to town residents. There would be no fee to belong and cards would be issued to the family. There would be approximately 45% savings on prescriptions. Mr. Smith indicated many towns are

going for this benefit program. The town must endorse it first. If the Board is agreeable, the town will proceed.

B. Development of a Report for Uses of Holcomb Farm and Evonsion Farm

Town Manager Smith indicated he has met with several staff members to explore options that may sustain Holcomb Farm and Evonsion Farm. He feels it is in the town's best interest to hire a consultant to independently develop concepts that can then be drafted into a report for the Board of Selectmen to review and then take appropriate action. Right now we are just bouncing around with no real plan for the future. Selectman Desrosiers asked about a timeframe for this study. Town Manager Smith indicated that a development report may be done by sometime next spring and the cost estimate is \$2,000-\$3,000. The Board agreed to proceed with preparing a report.

C. Results of Hurricane Sandy

Town Manager Smith reported that on Sunday a report was sent out to all the emergency response team. On Monday, he met with the team and put together a plan of activation in response to weather reports of a hurricane. On Tuesday, he met with others at the emergency operation center. He was in close contact with CL&P and was told there were approximately 1,200 outages in Granby. All indications pointed to some minor flooding. By Wednesday, the emergency ended. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was notified that we incurred \$11,000 in overtime costs. This did not meet qualifications for reimbursement from FEMA. Compared to other communities, Granby fared well.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

A. Announce Presidential Election for November 6, 2012 at the Granby Memorial High School

First Selectman Adams reminded everyone of the upcoming election to be held November 6, 2012 with voting to take place at the Granby Memorial High School Community Gym from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

First Selectman Adams also announced the town website included information regarding the Charter revision questions that are on the ballot. In review, he explained the first question was mostly cleaning up grammatical errors and bringing the Charter up to date with state statutes. To approve, vote yes, to not approve, vote no. The second question: to approve a referendum (machine) vote to pass the annual budget vote yes, to support an Annual Town Meeting budget vote, vote no.

It was also announced there will be a delay in the installation of the new War Memorial on the Center Green. It is now expected to be dedicated on the parade day for Memorial Day 2013. The American Legion is still looking for donations. They may be sent to: American Legion Post 182, P.O. Box 182, Granby, CT 06035

First Selectman Adams discussed how the nation's demographics are changing due to an aging population and racial populations. The change is showing an increasing number of non-workers to every worker.

Revaluations are proceeding and new assessments will be available mid-November.

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

Selectman Kuhnly reported Granby Registrars Maureen Wolf and Laura Wolfe have been busily registering new voters. He indicated people may go to the Secretary of the State website, follow the links and find your status for voting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager