

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 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, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Student Liaison Tyler Dowling

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 special meeting of January 30, 2012, 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 regular meeting of February 6, 2012, as presented.

III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Ordinance Limiting Commercial Motor Vehicles on Day Street

Selectman King indicated the Board is still working on this issue and will sit with Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development to come up with a comprehensive plan. The last thing the Board wants to do is push traffic to another street. First Selectman Adams noted the plan would ultimately control roads that start and end in Granby.

Some residents in attendance were anxious to see this resolved soon and wanted to know the proposed timetable. Selectman King responded that we are in budget season but we will not forget about this issue. We just want to make sure it is well thought through and we get it right the first time.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to table this issue.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

1. ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reappoint Martin F. Schwager (U), 76 Hungary Road, to the Granby Development Commission. His term will expire January 13, 2014.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Diane Neumann Hensdorf (R), 58 Barn Door Hills Road, to the Charter Revision Commission 2011, to fill the vacancy created by Bruce Murtha.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Dorothy M. Prior (U), 79 Hunt Glen Drive, to the Commission on Aging. Her term will expire January 13, 2014. She is replacing J. Vanderbilt.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Lori J. Blackburn (R), 167R West Granby Road, to the Commission on Aging. Her term will expire January 13, 2014. She is replacing H. Decher.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Russell L. Stone (R), 19 Oakridge Drive, to the Park and Recreation Board. His term will expire January 13, 2014. He is replacing Ned Allen.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Henry F. "Matt" Garrett, Jr. (U), 56 Day Street South, to the Granby Development Commission. His term will expire January 13, 2014. He will fill the vacancy left by Bruce Murtha.

2. Anyone interested in volunteering for any open vacancies on Boards or Commissions, should contact Margaret Chapple, Democratic Town Committee Chairman; B. Scott Kuhnly, Republican Town Committee Chairman; or the Town Manager's office.
3. New appointees for the Athletic Fields and Special Projects Building Committee are Benjamin Perron (R), Ronald Durej (D), James Lofink (D), James Sansone (D), and David White (U).

High School Principal Pat Law has indicated she would like to be on the building committee as well. It was decided that she would be an Ex-Officio Member.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the appointments to the Athletic Fields and Special Projects Building Committee.

B. Final Report from Celebrate Granby 225 Committee

Ned Allen, Co-Chairman of the Celebrate Granby 225 Committee, gave the final report of the October 1, 2011 celebration. It was reported that the committee had raised over \$112,000, and when all was said and done there was \$12,413 left over. There was a lot of discussion among the committee members as to what to do with the money. It was finally decided to set-aside the money within the Park and Recreation Event Fund to be used for future "special events". Town Manager Smith

indicated he would make sure the money would be “tagged” for Park and Recreation special events.

Chairman Allen thanked the Board of Selectmen, sponsors, volunteers, residents, and everyone that helped to make this special event come to fruition. The parade, picnic, and fireworks were all spectacular and the whole town came together to make this happen. Selectman Kuhnly thanked the committee members for their dedication and hard work putting this event together. He noted it was the best party Granby has had in 225 years.

C. Discussion and Information Concerning Proposed Memo of Understanding – Town of Granby and Holcomb Farm, Inc.

First Selectman Adams reported discussions began with Holcomb Farms several months ago in regards to their lease arrangement with the town. They would like to restructure and continue to serve the town as well as Holcomb Farm, Inc. and to continue to operate the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program as it now does. Holcomb Farm President, Bill Bentley, has drafted an interim Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that suggests the town become caretaker of the farm with a few exceptions. Selectman Desrosiers clarified that this is the first step in the process and that there would be workshops following to decide what’s in the best interest of the town and Holcomb Farm and the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. This interim MOU is to lay out the framework for the agreement and then a final Master MOU would be finalized in June.

A timeframe for workshops was thought to be sometime in April and the format would be a public meeting. Key thoughts to consider are what is the farm about and what do we want to do there.

One of the goals is to decrease the overall operating expense of Holcomb Farm. Realizing the potential costs and staff demands that would fall onto the town and also having some concerns over parts of the interim MOU, it is suggested by Town Manager William F. Smith, that if approved by the Board, it be approved by a motion to include the following as a condition of approval:

“That the interim MOU shall be considered a Guiding Principle in regards to the Holcomb Farm properties. It is understood that the Town of Granby, through the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, shall have full and exclusive authority to operate, manage, and use the Holcomb Farm property in a manner that it deems as in the best interest of the Town of Granby.”

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the Interim Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the condition of approval as stated previously.

Town Manager Smith thanked Mr. Bentley for working with the town to come up with this agreement.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

No reports.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

First Selectman Adams reported this is a very active time for the legislature right now. Some of their concerns are solid waste, transportation, and disaster preparedness to name a few. The legislature is always looking for people to come and voice their concerns.

VII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, & Mark Neumann, and Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly Liaisons)

Selectman Desrosiers reminded everyone it is that time of year when the Community Service Awards committee is starting to collect nominees. Each year the Board of Selectmen recognizes volunteers from the community with a Community Service Award presentation. The Board is seeking individuals, adults, and teenagers, who have actively volunteered throughout the year(s) and have enriched the Granby community by their efforts. There will be nominating forms available in the next issue of the *Drummer*.

Tyler Dowling, student liaison, reported that boy's basketball is getting exciting. Come support the team at tomorrow night's game.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager