

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager and Student Liaisons Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Agricultural Commission Update

Chairman Michelle Niedermeyer addressed the Board and gave an update on the Agricultural Commission's activities.

They have developed a map showing current farms in Granby that people can visit and purchase goods. They also have a website that features the farms along with other information.

They were awarded grant money to start up a program to feature products that Granby farms have to offer. The "Sampler" is a basket full of assorted products, from various farms in Granby, which is distributed to subscribers several times a year. It has been very successful and is now self funding. Anyone interested in receiving a "Sampler" should go to their website to sign up. The website is Info@GranbyAg.Org.

The Commission has a volunteer that does a column in the Drummer every month.

There will be an educational program on April 11, 2012 at the Senior Center that will talk about how to prepare different kinds of foods you might find at the local farms.

On September 8, 2012, the Agricultural Commission will coordinate with the Granby Grange to offer tours of the local farms. Later in the day, the Grange will have their annual BBQ.

There was also discussion in regard to the proposed purchase of the Evonsion Farm. First Selectman Adams asked for ideas of what the land could be used for. Chairman Niedermeyer indicated it would be a great place to lease property for farming.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2012 as presented and the minutes from the Budget Workshop meetings of March 8 and 12, 2012 as presented.

III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

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

Town Manager Smith reported a traffic count evaluation is in the process of being done now. It should be ready for the next meeting. Selectman King reported it is a nightmare for tractor trailer trucks traveling from Route 20 to Granby center to make a left hand turn onto Route 10. This also needs to be addressed.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to table the discussion of an ordinance limiting commercial motor vehicles on Day Street.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

No resignations or appointments were received.

First Selectman Adams indicated there are two vacancies, one on the Agricultural Commission and one on the Conservation Commission.

B. Consideration of Adoption of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget and Transmittal to Board of Finance

Town Manager Smith expressed his thanks to everyone for their help at the Budget Workshop meetings. He also thanked the Board of Finance for working with him and giving suggestions.

He also mentioned the importance of the Police Department's need for an Investigative Officer, Public Work's request for a Maintainer, Finance Office need for assistance, and the Recreation Department's request to make the part-time assistant's position full-time.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget and transmit the same to the Board of Finance as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen is required to present a budget to the Board of Finance for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has requested that the Board of Selectmen operations portion of the budget guideline be no more than 2% above the 2011-2012 budget; and,

WHEREAS, various revenues are included in the budget to offset expenditures including Intergovernmental and Local Revenues; and,

WHEREAS, following a review of the proposed budget by the Board of Selectmen, an operations budget of \$9,172,907 or 2% increase has been developed to meet the guideline for the new fiscal year,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen forward a 2012-2013 **REVENUE BUDGET** to the Board of Finance consisting of the following items:

Property Tax (excl. Current Levy)	\$595,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	6,750,376
Local Departmental and Fund Revenues	1,935,440
TOTAL	\$9,280,816

That the Board of Selectmen forward a 2012-2013 **EXPENDITURE BUDGET** to the Board of Finance consisting of the following items:

Administration	\$3,319,364
Personal & Property Protection	2,263,727
Public Works & Environment	2,806,290
Libraries, Recreation, & Social Services	783,526
Capital Budget	1,100,000
CNEF Levy	40,000
Economic Development Funds	10,000
Debt Service	3,305,410
TOTAL	\$13,628,317

That the Board of Selectmen forward a 2012-2013 **OTHER FUNDS BUDGET** to the Board of Finance along with the **2013-2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** consisting of the following:

Dog Fund	\$14,700
Recreation Events	333,500
Sewer Utility Fund	147,826
Capital Equipment/Improvement	1,444,998
Education Quality & Diversity	690,930
2013-2022 Capital Improvement Program	(detail in Budget document)

V. **TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

A. **February Budget Operations**

Town Manager Smith reported tax collections are coming in as expected, actually in excess of the budgeted amount. Short Term Investments are still down considerably. It is hoped to make up the difference with some of the other accounts that have some excess. We are very fortunate to have had such a mild winter this year, where snow plowing was concerned. There were no issues with operations.

First Selectman Adams inquired about the possibility of adjusting the tax mill rate as a result of the surplus in the General Fund. Town Manager Smith indicated it would not be a good idea. Leaving a surplus in the General Fund is good for the town.

B. Update on Proposed Lease at 83 Salmon Brook Street

Things are moving forward with the proposed lease of the property at 83 Salmon Brook Street. Peppermill Country Store and Deli, owned by Jennifer Girard, is anxious to proceed. Attorney Holtman has reviewed the lease and the process that also requires a public hearing. It is suggested there be a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. just prior to the next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 2, 2012.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve a public hearing for consideration of a proposed lease at 83 Salmon Brook Street, to take place on April 2, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. just prior to the regular Board of Selectmen's meeting.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

No reports.

A. Proclamation for Sandy Wickman Mason

In honor of Sandy Wickman Mason, Field Hockey coach at Granby Memorial High School, and her many years of service, First Selectman Adams read a Proclamation naming April 29, 2012 as Sandy Wickman Mason Day.

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

Student Liaison Nicole Kuhnly announced spring sports started today.

First Selectman Adams announced the Athletic Fields and Special Projects Building Committee had their first meeting last week.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager