

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2012**

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, Ronald Desrosiers, Mark Neumann, William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager, and Student Liaison Tyler Dowling

I. PUBLIC SESSION

Presentation of Plaques for the 2012 Community Service Awards

Prior to the start of tonight's meeting, the Board of Selectmen held a reception to honor community volunteers.

First Selectman Adams opened tonight's meeting indicating the public session portion would begin with the Community Service Awards presentation to thank and honor volunteers. In addition, there will be two Volunteer of the Year awards to be awarded posthumously.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded posthumously to Winifred (Edie) Duncan and received by her husband Bob Duncan. She was honored for her many years of volunteering, her interest in local government, and the knowledge she acquired over the years that she put to good use. She was a volunteer poll worker on Election Day. She was also instrumental in starting curbside voting for the handicapped. She attended many meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meetings. She wrote articles for the Granby Drummer as a finance reporter and was influential in the development of the town website.

Volunteer of the Year was also awarded posthumously to Bruce (Bud) Murtha and received by his wife Shirley Murtha. Bud was involved for many years with the Agricultural Commission and Conservation Commission. He was chairman of the Development Commission for many years and chairman of the Municipal Complex Building Committee. He loved the Town of Granby and had a great knowledge and commitment to the town and worked hard to make it a better place to live.

The Adult Community Service award went to Deborah Kulwich. She was program and referee coordinator for the Recreation Department and was responsible for recruiting and training of referees and also setting up programs for soccer and basketball. She is a former Park and Recreation Board member. She served as co-chairman of the steering committee for Celebrate Granby 225. She spent many hours organizing and raising money for the celebration, and was personally responsible for raising 1/3 of the donations received. Her dedication and attention to detail made it a great success.

Rachael Rising is a co-recipient of the student Community Service Award. She used her musical and dance talents to perform in benefits to raise money for Cancer and Aides. She has provided support for her fellow students as a mentor and tutor. She helped organize a pasta dinner for the benefit of her school, church, and National Honor Society. She has volunteered many hours of community service for her church, and worked at a booth at the Celebrate Granby 225.

Stephanie Dantos is the other recipient of the student Community Service Award. She has accrued 426 volunteer hours while attending High school. She has raised money for St. Jude as well as the ASPCA. She has volunteered two weeks of her summer vacation to be a camp counselor at Holcomb Farm. She is president of her church youth group and has also assisted as a Sunday school teacher. In addition, she has been writer for the Drummer and a volunteer for Food Share.

Tyler Dowling was honored for his year of service as a Student Liaison. He is a member of the National Honor Society and one of this year's top 10 graduates of Granby Memorial High. He will be attending Boston College in the fall.

Nicole Kuhnly was honored for her year of service as a Student Liaison. Also a member of the National Honor Society, she was involved in after school sports. She received a scholarship from the Visiting Nurses Association and the Jim Hall, Jr. Scholarship. She will be attending Holy Cross in the fall. She was not in attendance tonight as she was at an orientation at Holy Cross College.

Presentations concluded at 7:55 p.m. and First Selectman Adams called for a brief recess.

The Board of Selectmen reconvened their meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Jerry Ledger addressed the Board with his concern for public safety at the intersection of Floydville Road and Salmon Brook Street across from the newly established Deli. He offered his help, as well as the help of the Farmington Valley Trail Council, to do whatever it takes to make that intersection a safer place for trail walkers and bikers. It was suggested he write the Granby Police Chief as well as the State Department of Transportation with his concerns.

No other public addressed the Board.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 4, 2012 as presented.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to approve the minutes of the Public Input and Informational Session Regarding Holcomb Farm on June 4, 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

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to accept with regret, the resignation of Lois Neumann from the Agricultural Commission.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to accept with regret, the resignation of John Krug from the Development Commission.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint Pamela D. Burek (D), 152 Silkey Road, to the Agricultural Commission to fill a vacancy. Ms. Burek's term will expire January 14, 2013.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to reappoint L. Squire Bressor and Jennifer Bilodeau to the Park and Recreation Board. Their terms will expire January 13, 2014.

B. Consideration of Funding Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Each year the town participates with other towns in the valley to collect household hazardous waste items from residents. The collection site will be at Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road in Simsbury on August 4, 2012. The requested amount for our participation in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is \$12,000 and another \$2,000 is requested for promotional give-aways. The total appropriation request is \$14,000.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to approve the appropriation of \$14,000 from the Solid Waste Fund.

First Selectman Adams reported that Manchester has a permanent facility for Hazardous Waste Collection that supports other towns in that area. It is unlikely that there would be a facility like that in this area any time soon.

Selectman Desrosiers asked about disposing of paint. Only oil-based paint is collected. Latex paint should be added to kitty litter to be absorbed and then disposed of in the regular trash.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to add agenda item IV. C. Discussion of Property Acquisition, and reordered, placing agenda item IV. C. after Selectmen Reports, to be discussed during Closed Session.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Capital Projects Activity Update

Town Manager Smith reviewed the activity of capital projects starting with the Silver Street Bridge, which is in progress and on schedule. Reopen date is estimated to be November 2012.

Pond House: Architect's plans are in place and project is on schedule with construction expected to begin this fall.

Cossitt Land Acquisition (Fertig property): The closing took place on April 30, 2012. The previous owners, as required, have removed vehicles left behind and other debris. The next step is to analyze the structures. The project is on schedule and within cost estimates.

Granby Public Library Roof Replacement: Bids for the project will be in late June or July, with reroofing to take place in late summer/early fall.

Tennis Court Replacement: New pavement has been installed as well as new fencing. Primer and surface courses of paint are now being applied. This project is on schedule, with an estimated early summer use date.

Streetscape Improvements and Sidewalk to Salmon Brook Park: The town is looking into state/federal grants to offset local costs or to enhance the project. Survey work began in late spring with a notice going out to abutters once there is more information.

DPW Washbay and Storage Bay: The plan is to extend the DPW garage with an addition using the same design/build construction outfit that built the original facility. Public Works crews will do site work, drainage, and foundation installation. This project is on schedule.

Evonsion Land Purchase. Environmental survey results indicate "farm dumps" as a primary concern. Therefore, the cost of the clean up cannot be easily determined. It is anticipated that the contract will be renegotiated to assure that the town is not burdened by any unanticipated costs of future clean up. Closure date will be set after the clean up is determined.

Emergency Generators Project: Lost Acres Fire Department has a needs analysis in place. The Senior Center is looking into final installation cost estimates and the Middle School generator is being examined by our engineer. The project is on schedule. Installations are likely to take place this summer and fall.

GMHS Electronics Lab: This project is being handled by the Board of Education. Preliminary walk through by the Fire Marshal and Building Official has taken place. Project is on schedule with completion date expected before September.

Athletic Fields: The Building Committee has been provided with conceptual plans from the Board of Education. Bidding and design approach has yet to be determined.

Project start date is this fall. Project is on schedule with the intention to have the facility 'on-line' no later than early August 2013.

B. Transfers of Accounts 2011-12

Town Manager Smith indicated they do not expect any transfer of accounts at this time.

First Selectman Adams asked about reimbursement money from FEMA. Town Manager Smith indicated there would be a reimbursement but no money has been received.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

First Selectman Adams reported receiving a letter indicating Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra is this year's chair of the United Arts Campaign, and Mayor Segarra encourages support for the arts in our region. Go to the website letsgoarts.org for more information.

The Farmington Valley YMCA is holding a Farmers Market on the premises starting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ribbon cutting will take place at 3:10 p.m. It will take place every Tuesday until September 11, 2012.

First Selectman Adams has received a letter from Adjutant Jim Hall of the American Legion making them aware the Legion will be installing a bronze plaque at the Legion Memorial monument on the town green. They will also reconfigure and replace the shrubs. The Legion will be adding the name of Richard Emmons to the Town and Hero's monument. The Legion will be covering the cost of everything. They will meet with the Board at a later date to discuss details.

It was also announced that First Selectman Adams has been made a Board of Director of CRRA.

First Selectman Adams reminded everyone of the Charter Revision Public Hearing to take place on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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

No reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by First Selectman Adams, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to recess the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Adams called the executive session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:31 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers, Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of land.

The executive session adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager