

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

I. PUBLIC SESSION

Granby residents Adjutant James Hall and Commander Allen Christensen, of the American Legion, came before the Board requesting approval for the installation of a granite monument on the town green. The heading on the monument will read: Heroes on the War on Terror. Mr. Hall indicated this project came about when one of Granby's own, Richard Emmons, III, lost his life May 31, 2011 fighting in the war in Afghanistan. In his honor, a bronze plaque with his name will be on the monument, which will accommodate 12 plaques in all. Architectural drawings of the proposed monument were presented for viewing. With approval, the placement of the monument would be in the center green on the east side of the Legion monument. A target date for installation is by November 11, 2012, Veterans Day. The American Legion will fully fund this project and is looking for approval tonight.

Town Manager Smith indicated this should be made an agenda item so it can be formally addressed.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to add agenda item IV. E. to consider site approval for a monument to honor Heroes on the War on Terror.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reorder agenda item IV. E. to be discussed first under IV. Business.

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 September 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 (5-0-0) to approve the reappointment of Mark E. Bombard to the Tri-Town Cable TV Government Access Committee. This appointment will expire January 13, 2014.

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 Appropriation Request from Agricultural Fund

Town Manager Smith announced Granby's first "Open Farm Day" was reported to be a great success. It is hoped that it will continue and expand. Donations from sponsors and contributions funded the event and were placed into the "Agricultural Fund". To reimburse purchases for signs and brochures, an appropriation in the amount of \$800 is needed.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appropriate \$800 from the Agricultural Fund for the 2012 Farm Tour event for reimbursement of purchases.

C. Consideration of Agreement with Public Works and Dispatch Union (UPSEU)

First Selectman Adams reported the Board has previously discussed this matter during closed session. Selectman Neumann indicated the increase they are looking for in the later years is higher than surrounding towns.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) not to accept this proposal.

Town Manager Smith stated he would continue to work with the union to try to negotiate a contract.

D. Consideration of Personnel Matters

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reorder the agenda, placing item IV. D. to be discussed during closed session following Selectman Reports.

E. Consideration of Site Approval for Monument to Honor Heroes on the War on Terror

Discussion of this item took place earlier in the meeting but is recorded here for agenda placement.

There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Hall with regard to the placement of the monument. Mr. Hall indicated the site has been carefully chosen, taking into consideration underground wires. Mr. Christensen stated he would call "call before you dig" ahead of time.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the installation of the monument with a stipulation that the final site approval may not be in the exact spot as indicated at this meeting.

V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Budget Operations Report – August 2012

Town Manager Smith reported tax collections are where they have been in previous years, and that is a good sign. State Revenue Sharing received was higher than expected due to the state receiving more than they anticipated, therefore the surplus was divided among the towns. Miscellaneous revenue received was also higher than anticipated because of reimbursements for Storm Irene, seat belt enforcement, motor vehicle violations, and a Senior Grant.

VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)

A. Announcement of Board of Selectmen Student Liaison Program

The Board has received two letters from interested students and will continue to accept letters for another week. Any interested junior or senior student should contact Dr. Patricia Law, High School Principal, or Maureen Herzig, School Secretary, at the high school to submit their name. Potential students are requested to submit a letter of interest telling how they believe serving, as Granby's student liaison will benefit their career endeavors. The Board will review the letters and make a decision. The student will be notified informing him or her of the appointment.

B. Announcement for Celebrate Granby

First Selectman Adams reminded everyone about the Celebrate Granby event that will take place at Salmon Brook Park on Friday, September 21, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be carnival rides, beer and wine tasting, local food, children's activities, horse rides, face painting, crafters, and more. Admission and parking are free.

C. Proclamation – Senior Center Month

First Selectman Adams read a proclamation acknowledging September as Senior Center month.

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

No reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting recessed to closed session at 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Adams called the executive session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:07 p.m.

PRESENT: John Adams, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Mark Neumann, and William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager