

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman John Adams at 7:34 p.m.

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

**I. PUBLIC SESSION**

**A. Introduction and Swearing-in of Carl Rosensweig, Chief of Police**

First Selectman Adams introduced and swore in Carl Rosensweig, our new Chief of Police. Chief Rosensweig thanked everyone for coming this evening and also thanked Town Manager Smith for honoring him with this appointment. He wanted to recognize the former Chief, David Watkins, who spent his 30-year career in law enforcement in the Town of Granby. He left behind a crew of high quality officers who have stepped up in the last couple of weeks to help make the transition a smooth one. Chief Rosensweig also wanted to thank the West Hartford Police Department for all their support and opportunities they gave him to help make this appointment possible. He and his family look forward to being part of this community.

**B. Welcome Student Liaisons**

First Selectman Adams introduced and welcomed the two, newly appointed, student liaisons, Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly.

First Selectman Adams recessed the meeting for a brief reception at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Selectman Adams asked each of the liaisons to tell a little bit about themselves.

Tyler Dowling responded that he is a senior at the High School, and thought it would be fun to sit in on the meetings.

Nicole Kuhnly responded she is a senior at the High School, plays field hockey, and thought it would be fun to get a student's perspective of the meetings.

**C. Other Public**

No other public addressed the Board.

**II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted 4-0-1 (abstention Selectman King) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2011 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**

No resignations or appointments were received. First Selectman Adams reported they hope to have Charter Revision Commission appointments ready for the next meeting.

**B. Consideration of Charge for Charter Revision Commission**

State Statutes require towns to review their charter every ten years. The suggested charge for the soon to be appointed Charter Revision Commission will consist of six items similar to those reviewed the last time. This will be further reviewed at the first meeting, hopefully in November.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has appointed a Charter Revision Commission consisting of seven members; and,

WHEREAS, said Commission shall consider revisions to the Granby Town Charter and report recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in time for a proposed charter revision question to be placed on the November 6, 2012 Election Ballot; and,

WHEREAS, in order to meet this schedule, a report will be due to the Selectmen before June 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that the Charter Revision Commission consider the following:

1. The timetable and process for budget format and procedure for adoption.
2. Streamlining of the additional appropriation process.
3. Number of members on elected town boards.
4. Consider transition timing of Board changes.
5. Technical considerations that may include conflicting language with state statutes or within the charter, (i.e., town moderator and registrars).
6. Any other matters deemed appropriate by the Commission.

**C. Further Consideration of Capital Projects for Bonding**

In preparation for a referendum bond issue for January 2012, a list of capital projects were sent to the Capital Program Priority Advisory Committee (CPPAC) last September for review. Since then, there have been some cost revisions made. The

purchase of the Evonsion farm is also being revisited as well as extending sidewalks to Salmon Brook Park.

| <b>PROJECT</b>                    | <b>ESTIMATED \$ COST</b> | <b>LOCAL \$ ESTIMATE</b>             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Silver Street Bridge              | 3,000,000                | 600,000                              |
| Salmon Brook Pond House <b>OR</b> | 700,000                  | 200,000                              |
| Salmon Brook Pond House           | 700,000                  | 450,000                              |
| Cossitt Library Land              | 230,000                  | 15,000                               |
| Library Roof                      | 70,000                   | 70,000                               |
| Tennis Courts                     | 65,000                   | 65,000                               |
| DPW Wash Bay & Storage Bay        | 350,000                  | 350,000                              |
| Sidewalk to Salmon Brook Park     | 330,000                  | 275,000                              |
| Purchase of Evonsion Farm         | 3,000,000                | 3,000,000                            |
|                                   |                          |                                      |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                     | <b>7,745,000</b>         | <b>4,575,000</b><br><b>4,825,000</b> |

The Selectmen reviewed the list of CPPAC items as of October 2011. Many of the items have been around for awhile. The Silver Street Bridge project has been in the works for many years now, as well as consideration of the Salmon Brook Park Pond House, Department of Public Works Wash Bay and Storage Bay, and sidewalk to Salmon Brook Park. The town has \$75,000 in place from a previous bond authorization for the sidewalk project, making the local share estimate to be \$255,000 not \$275,000 as stated on the list. The purchase of the Evonsion farm is being revisited because of a renewed interest in acquiring land for future community use.

The Selectmen would like to bundle these projects together into one bond. There is a time line in place for this bond issue to come together for a January 2012 referendum. To get the Silver Street Bridge project ready to start this next spring and meet the time line, a contract would have to be signed by January 15, 2012. If the timetable is missed or the referendum fails, it would take another year.

First Selectman Adams doesn't think the grant funding for the sidewalk project to Salmon Brook Park will come to fruition this year.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to send the project list to the Capital Program Priority Advisory Committee (CPPAC) for approval.

## **V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

### **A. Safety Study and Traffic Report Concerning Salmon Brook Park**

Town Manager Smith reported the town engineer and traffic engineer have been contacted to study the area where recent accidents have occurred on Salmon Brook Street at the entrance to Salmon Brook Park. He would like to have a study done so all safety issues can be addressed. Superintendent of Public Works, James Klase, looked into signalization months back. Salmon Brook Street, also known as Route 10/202, is a state road and the town would need state approval to put up a signal. When contacted, they would not approve a signal at this time. Selectman Desrosiers

would like the town to continue to pursue approval of a signal even though they have already been denied. The Selectmen discussed doing a traffic count on Saturdays during the fall and spring soccer/baseball season when it is thought the park is at its busiest time. First Selectman Adams would like to consider an alternate entrance further down Salmon Brook Street.

**B. Appropriation Request Need for Expenses Resulting from Hurricane Irene**

Application for reimbursement of expenses as a result of Hurricane Irene is in the process of being completed at this time. Town Manager Smith indicated we are still waiting for a final dollar amount. When that is known, an appropriation request will be made to the Selectmen and Board of Finance, possibly in November.

**VI. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (John Adams)**

**A. Update on Solid Waste and Recycling**

First Selectman Adams reported the contract deadline for Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRRA) has been extended to December 31, 2011. Also the reimbursement rate for Tier #1 Long Term agreement for recycling is a little better than anticipated.

**B. 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates**

The Board of Selectmen regular meeting dates for 2012 will continue with meetings occurring on the first and third Mondays of the month. State Statutes require all Boards to file notice with the Town Clerk of all meetings.

**C. Announce Granby Municipal Election for November 8, 2011 at the Granby Memorial High School**

Granby will have a Municipal Election on November 8, 2011 at the Granby Memorial High School Community Gym. Polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. For ballot information you may check the town's website at [www.granby-ct.gov](http://www.granby-ct.gov). Go to Town Departments, then Registrar of Voters.

First Selectman Adams reported that the Celebrate Granby 225 was a great success. Senator Blumenthal and Congressman Larson were both present for the festivities. It is hoped that the day was revenue positive and any surplus would go toward future community events. Selectman Desrosiers was amazed at how smoothly everything went. Everyone did a great job. There was a special thank you to all the businesses that supported the event.

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

Selectman Sally King reported that some residents on Day Street are becoming increasingly concerned with the large truck traffic through their neighborhood. It seems to have increased significantly and there is indication that the Granby Oak tree has been hit. She would like this issue looked into further. Maybe by limiting truck size on certain roads

would help, although policing this may be a problem. Selectman King presented a copy of Simsbury's ordinance for everyone to review. The possibility of a study from the local traffic authority was discussed.

Selectman Desrosiers reported that First Selectman Adams made a presentation on town agencies cooperation at the last CCM conference. It was interesting and informative. Attendees at the conference noted that the Town of Granby is looked at with amazement because the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance all cooperate with and talk to each other. It seems to be a rare occurrence in other towns.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.  
Town Manager