

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

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 Liaisons Tyler Dowling and Nicole Kuhnly**

**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 regular meeting of November 21, 2011, with one correction. Item IV. C., paragraph two should read: There was discussion among the Selectmen and there seemed to be agreement that Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development and the Police Department need to review the situation in order to come up with a coordinated plan before any ordinance is put together.

**III. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS**

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to re-order the agenda, placing item V. A. as IV. D.

**IV. BUSINESS**

**A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Helen Decher of the Commission on Aging who will complete her term ending January 9, 2012, and also the resignation of John O'Connor of the Board of Education to take effect immediately after the December 7, 2011 meeting.

**B. Consideration of Bond Resolutions Regarding Appropriation and Bond Authorization of \$11.4M for Various Public Improvement Projects**

Town Manager Smith reported the bond authorization of \$11.4M is the full amount that has to be bonded although the town's portion is estimated to be \$8-9M after taking into consideration any state or federal grant monies that have been or will be awarded. It has been approved by the Capital Program Priority Advisory Committee (CPPAC) and will go to the Board of Finance Monday, December 12, 2011 for their

approval. It is hoped to have a town meeting on January 10, 2012 and a referendum vote on January 17, 2012.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the resolution titled "Board of Selectmen Bond Resolutions, Appropriation and Bond Authorization of \$11,400,000 for Various Public Improvement Projects" and forward the request to the Board of Finance for their consideration. The complete resolution is attached.

**C. Consideration of Action Concerning the Agreement Between the Granby Board of Education and Granby Education Association (effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015)**

Board of Education Chairman Cal Heminway reported the Board of Education has approved the agreement between the Granby Board of Education and Granby Education Association, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015.

He gave a brief summary of the changes, which include: The premium shares for the Preferred Provider Plan (PPO) option and Health Savings Account (HAS) option have changed as well as the plan design changes over the period of the contract. This works out to be roughly 6% over the 3-year contract period.

Mr. Heminway indicated there would be no advantage to go to arbitration over a yearly 2% increase.

First Selectman Adams asked where our teacher's salaries fall compared to other towns and the response was they are in the middle.

Selectman Neumann wanted to thank everyone for putting together this agreement. He felt it was a fair agreement.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) not to reject the contract thereby approving the "Agreement Between the Granby Board of Education and Granby Education Association effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015".

**D. Update on Storm Alfred Costs**

Town Manager Smith reported the town contracted a major portion of the clean up around town. There was an appropriation of \$1M for the clean up with an estimated five cubic yards of debris from each household that would be picked up. So far the amount has almost doubled. The contractors are now gone and there are still some areas that need to be cleaned up. The town will try to handle the remaining pickup internally and with some sub-contracting. As a result of the increased amount of debris to be picked up, it is recommended the \$1M previous appropriation be rescinded and we go for a \$2M appropriation which will finalize at about \$500,000 local cost. FEMA will reimburse 75% of the total storm related cost.

James Klase, Superintendent of Public Works, reported the first flush of debris that was picked up in the first two weeks was what they had expected. Then after the long Thanksgiving weekend a tremendous amount more of debris was put out for pickup. The cut off date was determined due to money and manpower. Mr. Klase indicated there were only a hand full of complaints, mainly minor damage to yards from the trucks.

First Selectman Adams stated they have had nothing but compliments for the Department of Public Works and the crews during the pick up process. Selectman Desrosiers commented the contractors were skilled workers and they did very little damage considering the amount of debris that was picked up in the Poets Corner section of town. Selectman Kuhnly asked if debris put out today (the cut off date) would be collected. Mr. Klase responded we would continue to do what we can. They need to get things cleaned up before the snowfall to enable the plow trucks to get through the streets. The total debris pick up to date is 70,868 cubic yards.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to rescind the \$1M appropriation for Storm Alfred costs.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appropriate \$2M for Storm Alfred costs, and forward this request to the Board of Finance for their consideration.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the waiver of fees for brush disposal at the transfer station through the month of December 2011.

Selectman Kuhnly asked how he should respond to residents asking about having a 2<sup>nd</sup> pile of debris picked up now that the deadline is passed. First Selectman Adams suggested they call the Department of Public Works. They are encouraged to take their debris to the transfer station saving the town money and manpower to pick it up.

#### **IV. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

##### **B. Budget Operations Report November 2011**

There was a mistake in allocation of \$16,000 to Telecommunications that should have been in Misc. – State. This has been corrected and reflects in the November Budget Operations report. We are on target with collections of taxes and revenues. Most everything else is moving along fine. As a result of storm related costs, we will manage the Department of Public Works budget as time goes on.

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

First Selectman Adams indicated it is time to figure out the Plus One budget for the upcoming year. It is suggested to carry on as the last couple of years and to maintain services as they are now.

**VII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Ronald Desrosiers, B. Scott Kuhnly, & Mark Neumann, and Nicholas Moon and Sarah Eckhart Student Liaisons)**

Student Liaison Tyler Dowling reported the recent game losses of both the boys and girls soccer teams. Now they are moving forward to winter sports.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.  
Town Manager