

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

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, Mark Neumann, and Barbarajeon Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer**

**I. PUBLIC SESSION**

Gerry Ledger, 89 Bushy Hill Road, addressed the Board as a representative of the Farmington Valley Trail Council to report on the progress of the trail. There are just a few sections of the trail in Connecticut that are still not completed and those sections are easy to maneuver around. The trail starts in New Haven, CT and runs to the southern border of Westfield, MA. The target plan is to go as far as Northampton, MA. There are 40 volunteers in the state that help to monitor, clean, and maintain the trails, two of whom maintain the trail in Granby. Mr. Ledger is asking for the town to help with the maintenance. The Council would like to build a database to help manage the trail and determine who takes responsibility for maintaining and cleaning the trail. Any help from the town would be appreciated.

**II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted 3-0-1 (abstention Selectman Kuhnly) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 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**

First Selectman Adams announced there are three vacancies on the Conservation Commission. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the Republican Town Committee Chairman, B. Scott Kuhnly, the Democratic Town Committee Chairman, Peggy Chapple or the Town Manager's office for further information.

**B. Discussion of Football Program from the Granby Memorial High School Football Supporters**

Kevin Blake, Co-President of the Granby Memorial High School Football Supporters, presented some proposals they have to make improvements to Ahrens Park on or around the current football field. They would like to install a 10'x24' scoreboard in the northwest corner of the field along the tree line. They are also asking to have power run to the scoreboard from the nearest possible building. They would like to use the concession area and would provide renovations and permits necessary to allow its use as a concession stand. Renovations done by the Granby Football Supporters

would be permanent and would also be available for use by other clubs or teams. A coach's viewing platform, or portable scaffold is requested. It would be put up before each game and taken down after. Selectman Kuhnly thought this might be a safety issue but was reassured they are very sturdy and there are guardrails all around the platform. This would be for the coaches only. They would also like to have a Sponsor Board that would have room for approximately 20 individual sponsor boards. The last request was to use a public address system for playing the Star Spangled Banner at the beginning of the games and to announce player names and important game information. Mr. Blake stated they would be sensitive to the surrounding neighbors.

Thomas Tyburski, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, spoke in support of the clubs requests. The Park and Recreation Board was in favor of the items requested. The only concern was the Sponsor Board. The Park and Recreation Board would like more information, especially if the boards would be removable. The Sponsor Board would be tucked into the trees and the public address system would be on a trial basis. Everything could be moved except the concession stand. Selectman Desrosiers thought the concession stand would be a good moneymaker to help support the club and in addition, maybe charge an entrance fee for the games.

The Selectmen were concerned with the sponsor board and how it would look from the road as well as the noise from the public address system. Mr. Blake explained that he felt with the placement of these things it should not really be a problem. It was noted that he should have come before the Board much sooner because they really don't have time to investigate these issues before the season starts. Also, the Town Manager is not present tonight so they don't have input from the town. The Selectmen would like to support this club and in doing so they would be going truly on good faith. Mr. Blake stated he was just newly appointed to this position in the last 30 days and would have come sooner if he could. He is looking to work with the town and the Park and Recreation Department.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to implement the recommendations of the Granby Memorial High School Football Supporters based upon the approval of and coordination with the Town Manager and appropriate town services.

### **C. Consideration of Entering into an Agreement for Solid Waste and Recycling**

First Selectman Adams indicated that he met with Town Manager Smith and Public Works Director James Klase and they all agreed that entering into a long-term contract with Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRRA) is their best bet in terms of providing services at a reasonable price. The contract provides for a 15-year agreement for both municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycling. Although it appears to be more costly by \$10-12,000 per year, the savings going with the less expensive agreements could easily wind up costing more.

There was discussion about CRRRA having to be more accountable now that they know there are other options available to towns. Also, that the towns can group together to work out issues with CRRRA instead of having to fight issues alone at a costly price. Selectman Desrosiers still has concerns about working with CRRRA. He is not sure who CRRRA is really serving, even though they are a nonprofit organization.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Desrosiers, seconded by Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: WILLIAM F. SMITH, JR., TOWN MANAGER, TOWN OF GRANBY, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all necessary documents on behalf of the Town of Granby with the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRRA) for the CRRRA Tier #1 Long Term agreement for both municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycling, and with the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) for the Master Coordination Agreement.

**V. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

No reports.

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

**A. Proclamation Recognizing Meadowbrook of Granby 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

First Selectman Adams stated he and a few others from town attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Meadowbrook of Granby last weekend. A Proclamation from the Town of Granby was given to Meadowbrook of Granby recognizing their Anniversary.

**B. Announcement of Celebrate Granby 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – October 1, 2011**

First Selectman Adams announced the Celebrate Granby 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is October 1, 2011. This has been in the planning stages for a couple of years and will be Granby's biggest party. There will be a parade starting at 11:00 a.m., food, rides, beer garden, entertainment, displays, crafts, and fireworks at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by Windsor Federal Savings. Everyone is welcome.

**C. Board of Selectmen Student Liaison Program Update**

There were three students interested in the student liaison program. Two seniors and one junior applied. It was decided to choose the two seniors for this year and the junior would be chosen for next year. The two seniors were invited to attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

First Selectman Adams announced there would be a Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) conference at the convention center in Hartford on October 6, 2011.

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

No reports.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by First Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Desrosiers, the Board voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Smith, Jr.  
Town Manager