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*September 07, 2022,*

*Regular Board Meeting*

*5:00 PM*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

*5:05 Cynthia Watson-Village Buildings*

*5:35 John Edwards-Phase 2 Dufresne Tree Removal*

*6:30 EXECUTIVE SESSION: 30A-21-A (2)*

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

**MINUTES**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

*\*Dufresne Rental*

*\*Correspondence*

**NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:**

*1 Accept Departmental Reports*

*2 Approve and Sign Maintenance Warrants*

*3 Approve and Sign IAFF Contract*

**OLD/ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

*\*Update on Dufresne Playground*

*\* Update on Munsing Ridge-CRP*

*\* Long-Range Planning Committee*

**ADJOURNMENT:**



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Town Administrator: Christopher Martin

## **Meeting Minutes of 09-07-22**

Members Present:

Richard Beaulieu, Glen Sexton and Crystal Dufresne, others present, Christopher Martin

Glen Sexton, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Sexton then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

***Cynthia Watson-Village Buildings:*** Cynthia Watson, Amherst Road, spoke to the Board about the 5- original small wooden buildings that are replicas of historic town buildings that were made for Town's 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration and were displayed at the West Street School. They were dismantled and put away after the Celebration to Howard Taylor's barn. In 2011/2012 Maudetta Taylor asked that she take care of them, they hadn't been looked at in 44 years. She took them out of the barn and rebuilt them. The Granby Fire Department helped her move them as they were very heavy. They were stored in the Granby Historical Association (GHA) barn. She has been putting them out for display on the Church of Christ Common for people to enjoy during the holidays. They can no longer be stored in the GHA barn, and she needs to find a place where they can be stored that is safe, dry and will be cared for. The Fire Department helped again, as they have been moved to one of the Fire Department's bays (they had to moved out by September 1). She is hoping the Town will take them over and store them at the West Street School, which is a dry, secured building. She is hoping someone/or some group will take over displaying them for the community to see. They do not actually belong to any one person or Committee. The Board would love to see someone refurbished them like "Pathfinder". There are the original buildings, 2-Churches, Aldrich Mill, 2-houses, and added buildings of Bell's store, Dressel's, Carriage Shed behind the Church of Christ, and the Library. The Board would like to know the exact sizes of the buildings to be able to see what size room is needed. Ms. Watson said if there is no place for the town to put them, she would see if the people who own the actual buildings now would like them. She went along to say that they belong to the Community and maybe the Community could come up with another idea. The Board is in agreement to use West Street School, but first we need to see if there is room, they will ask Jeremy to investigate into seeing if there is enough space in one of the rooms at West Street School and follow up with asking the Fire Chief the timeline needed to have them removed from their bay.

***John Edwards-Phase 2- Dufresne Tree Removal:*** Mr. Edwards talked to the Board about Phase 2 of the Forestry Plan for Dufresne Park- He began with an update on Phase 1- they will begin logging the timber/tagged trees in November/December (35 acres). Phase 2-2<sup>nd</sup> timber harvesting would be 45 acres on the southwest side of Dufresne Park, and they would be removing oversize White Pine and a lot of Hemlocks. They would be thinning out the pine so that more sunlight can come in and new generations of trees can begin to grow. It would be a whole chipping operation. Same process as Phase 1 but half as much money will be received by the Town. The Board agreed that the bid process for Phase 2 of the timber harvesting of Dufresne Park should begin now and have Mr. Edwards move forward so that the timber harvesting can begin in late fall/early winter of next year.

The company who was awarded the contract for Phase 1, asked Mr. Edwards if they could start before winter. The time to start was put in by Mr. Edwards because it is a park and he wanted to make sure the park was closed before they started. The Board is willing to entertain the middle of November for them to start the timber harvesting and leaves it up to Mr. Edward's discretion on the weather conditions and preserving the park. The Board would like to see signs put up saying "Park Closed-Caution -Logging in Process" when they begin in November/December.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

***Denis Lafleur:*** Mr. Lafleur asked the Board if they knew when the new bylaws would be brought to Town floor again. He is interested in the one on Flea Markets and Tag Sales. He has a business "Happy Days Family Fun Spot" located in the business district and as it stands right now, he is not allowed to have a tag sale or a flea market. He has not been opened for 2 years and is ready to reopen but waiting on few things before he pulls the trigger. He would like to hold a flea market every Sunday (6 am-3 pm) like they do in Hadley. He had brought this up to the Bylaw Review Committee.

Mr Martin reminded the Board that the Bylaw Review Committee brought their changes to Town Meeting 2-years ago and they were tabled indefinitely. The Finance Committee has made some clerical corrections and is ready to bring it forward again. The Board did move the recall vote request to the State. They came back with some suggestions concerning the Election Division. He is hoping to have a Special Town Meeting this fall to take care of several issues.

The Board would have to look at the Bylaws to see what it says concerning Flea Markets and Tag Sales.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

***Dufresne Rental:*** \*Private Event rental for large pavilion on October 09, 2022, from 11:00am to 3:30 pm for a birthday party, no alcohol approved.

\*\*Private Event rental for large pavilion on September 24, 2022, from 10:00am to 4:00 pm for a birthday party, no alcohol approved.

***Correspondence:*** \*Site Plan Review Planning Board-239 Amherst Street

\*Approved minutes from Planning Board-June 13, 27, July 25 and August 8, 2022, *Ms. Dufresne had questions about the MVP Grant that was mentioned in their minutes, the Board will ask the Planning Board to their next meeting to answer the questions.*

\*Approved May 23, 2022-Zoning By-laws from the office of the Attorney General's Office

\*Risk of Wildland Fires Increases as Drought Persists from EEA

\*Thank you note from the family of Edward Wilcox

\*massDOT-Small Bridge Inspection Rpt-G09-011 (5M5) Carver St/Turkey Hill Brook-8-1-22-  
*Ms. Dufresne had some questions concerning the inspection and what it means. They would like to invite Mr. Desrosiers to their next meeting to discuss these questions.*

**Common Victualler's License:** On a motion by Crystal Dufresne and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, the Board unanimously approved the following Common Victualler's license #23-51- for the First Presbyterian Church at 160 West State and waived the fee as a Granby non-profit, expiring on December 31, 2022 (3-0-0).

On a motion by Crystal Dufresne and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, the Board unanimously approved the following Common Victualler's license #23-52-for CVS Store # 7111 at 70 West State, expiring on December 31, 2022 (3-0-0-)

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Crystal Dufresne and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 22, 2022, as submitted. (3-0-0)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Departmental Reports:** On a motion by Crystal Dufresne and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, the Board unanimously approved the departmental reports as presented on September 07,2022 (3-0-0-)

**Maintenance Warrants:** On a motion by Crystal Dufresne and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, the Board unanimously approved and signed the following warrants: (3-0-0)

#23-14- Accounts Payable Warrant – (08-26-22)- \$280,837.72

#23-15- Payroll Warrant – (09-02-22)- \$435,418.12

#23-16-Maintance Warrant- (09-02-22)-\$80,586.55

**Approve and Sign IAFF Contract:** Ms. Dufresne read the following:

AGREEMENT  
between  
THE TOWN OF GRANBY  
and  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS  
ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES  
in the  
GRANBY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LOCAL 4172  
JULY 1, 2022 to JUNE 30, 2025  
Article 38  
DURATION

*This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of ratification by the Union and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2025 and shall remain in full effect until a successor Agreement can be negotiated or until either party gives written thirty (30) day notice of termination, whichever date is later.*

*No notice of termination may be effective before July 1, 2025.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town and the Union have signed this agreement on this 7th day of September 2022.*

Mr. Sexton and Mr. Martin added for transparency the main point changes of the contract are the PayScale increases for FY23-5%, FY24-2% and FY25-2%. And Juneteenth holiday added as a federal holiday day off. And changed Section-16.07- A unit member who is requested to report to work outside their regularly scheduled shift hours by the Fire Chief or their designee or responds to emergency fire tones or EMS call back tones or request for additional assistance shall be compensated with a minimum of two (2) hours of overtime pay (it was 1 hour before). On a motion by Crystal Dufresne and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, the Board unanimously approved the IAFF Union Contract from July 1, 2022- June 30, 2025 as written. (3-0-0)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**\*Update on Dufresne Playground:** Mr. Martin explained to the Board that Mr. Carriere's meeting with O'Brien and Sons (the company where the original equipment was purchased from) was rescheduled from yesterday to tomorrow due to all the rain.

**\* Update on Munsing Ridge-CRP:** Mr. Martin told the Board that Atty. Dacruz said the CR lines were marked with pink out in the field. If you see orange flagging, that is our survey control and has nothing to do with the CR boundaries and the iron pins have been set. Dave Desilets from the Conservation Commission reported the following:

1. Boundaries and corners of both CR properties have been marked on site by the survey engineer for the developer.
2. GCC commissioners have performed a cursory review of these boundaries and have found them to be satisfactory.
3. A Site Visit is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022, between 1:00pm to 3:00pm to perform the first visit to document features of the designated areas.
4. If necessary, future visits will be scheduled to complete this documentation process.
5. The draft Baseline Report will be due for review 30 days after the final and completed documentation process.

**\* Long-Range Planning Committee:** Board asked that a joint meeting be scheduled with the Selectboard, School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, and the Finance Committee for their meeting on October 17.

### **INFORMATION**

**\*Glen Sexton** suggested that the Board meet with the members of the West Street School Building Committee who submitted the report to the Selectboard in 2018. Get their take on their 2018 report. They will be invited to the Board's next meeting on September 19.

**\*Crystal Dufresne** also told the Board that at the Senior Picnic today many of the seniors told her they didn't want the Council on Aging in with the Town offices. Mr. Beaulieu said that many seniors approached him saying the exact opposite. Mr. Sexton said we need to listen to everyone, but in the end, it will be the needs being met of the town with the least amount of money being spent.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**M.G.L. 30A-21-(a)-2:** On a motion by Glen Sexton and seconded by Crystal Dufresne, it was unanimously voted to go out of the regular session meeting at 6:32 PM. to go into Executive

Session under Mass General Law 30A-21-(a)-2 and to return to regular session only to adjourn.  
Sexton, Aye, Dufresne, Aye., Beaulieu, Aye. (3-0-0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Crystal Dufresne, and seconded by Richard Beaulieu, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular session meeting at 7:54 PM. (3-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Leonard  
Assistant Town Administrator