

**EAST GRANBY BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 16, 2017**

**1) Call to Order**

A special meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order by Vice Chair Mark Porter at 7:30 pm. Members present were Dan Dziedzic, Mike Malloy, Dave McNally, Lee Sandora, and alternates Dillon Tyman and Audrey Thompson. Chair Dave Kilbon was absent and Dillon Tyman was designated a voting member.

**2) Public Comment**

None

**3) Acceptance of Minutes – February 21, 2017 Meeting**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Lee Sandora to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting as recorded. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

**4) Communication and Correspondence**

- Budget presentations from the Boards of Selectman and Education
- Board of Selectman capital fund request
- E-mail received from a town resident regarding minutes of Feb 21

**5) New Business**

**a) Review Operating Budget Proposals from Board of Selectmen and Board of Education**

First Selectman Jim Hayden presented the BoS operating budget proposal of 1.0% noting that due to current difficult economic times the BoS proactively reduced their budget from the 1.5% guidance given by the BoF.

Jim noted the areas that East Granby has shared services and highlighted the increases/decreases in specific line items. He also noted concern regarding the stability of State aid and some items that will need additional resources in the future including road and roof projects, Greenway maintenance, and information technology upgrades.

Superintendent Dr. Christine Mahoney and BoE Chairman Joe Doering presented BoE operating budgets of 2.5% and the BoF requested 1.5%.

Joe and Dr. Mahoney noted programmatic impacts of the two different versions.

**b) Discuss and Act on Board of Selectman Capital Request**

Motion: A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mike Malloy to recommend for Town Meeting action the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$67,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for Phase 1 of the Reappraisal and Revaluation of Taxable and Exempt Real Property located in East Granby, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

6) **Old Business**

- a) None

7) **Monthly Reports**

- a) **Shared Services Committee** – nothing to report
- b) **Bonding Committee** – Jim Hayden provided update on the progress including refinement of the road condition inventory and roof replacement needs. The Committee report is targeted for later this year.
- c) **Auditor Selection Committee** – Mark Porter noted two proposals have been received and that interviews are scheduled for March 20, with a committee recommendation on track by April 4.
- d) **Motion:** A motion was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Lee Sandora to accept the February General Government and Treasurer financial reports and the January and February Board of Ed Financial Reports. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

8) **Public Comment**

A resident noted good efficiencies realized through partnership and shared services with surrounding towns and suggested additional opportunities be sought. Additionally a suggestion was made for activities such as hiring freezes, overtime restriction, etc.

It was noted that broader shared services in safety, DPW, shared purchasing and other areas have been explored and continue to be explored and implemented as identified.

A question was asked about which BoE contracts were recently negotiated. Joe Doering clarified that the Certified and Non-Certified contracts were renewed this year.

A resident encouraged the BoF to consider additional BoE funding above guidance noting concerns on the education program delivery and further noted concerns on the scope of programming particularly in the arts and library media programs.

A resident expressed concern of budget pressures at the State level that will potentially affect the town finances and program funding. Developing an austere budget for the town was strongly encouraged.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by Mike Malloy to adjourn the meeting. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Porter  
Substitute Board Clerk