EAST GRANBY BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 14, 2019

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order by Chair Dave Kilbon at 7:34 pm. Members present were Jim Francoline, Mike Malloy, Dave McNally, Mark Porter, Lee Sandora, and alternate members Oliver Davis and Natalie Welsh.

2) Public Comment

A resident encouraged the Board to consider the budgeting expertise the Selectmen and Board of Education bring to their respective responsibilities.

3) Acceptance of Minutes – February 19, 2019 Meeting

Motion: a motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mike Malloy to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting as recorded by the clerk. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

4) <u>Communication and Correspondence</u>

• March 14 letter from Board of Education Chair Bob Paskiewicz, asking the Board of Finance to consider establishing an Unexpended Education Funds Account as permitted under CGS §10-248a and allocating the Board of Education's FY 18 return of \$97,020.69 to that Account.

Motion: a motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mark Porter to add consideration of the Board of Education requests to the meeting agenda as New Business item 5) e). **All in favor. Motion carried.**

• February 15 memorandum from the First Selectman with updated budget drivers.

5) <u>New Business</u>

a. Elect Board of Finance Alternates for Terms Beginning April 1, 2019

Motion: a motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by Jim Francoline to elect Oliver Davis as an alternate member of the Board of Finance. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: a motion was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Dave McNally to elect Natalie Welsh as an alternate member of the Board of Finance. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

b. Consider and Act on Retention of Auditor for FY19

Motion: a motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mark Porter to appoint Mahoney Sabol CPAs and Advisors as auditor for the Town and Board of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

c. Review Operating Budget Proposals from Board of Selectmen and Board of Education

First Selectman Jim Hayden presented the proposed General Government budget for FY20 that was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Jim Francoline will collect written questions from Board of Finance members relative to the budget proposal by March 19 and forward them to the First Selectman, who will respond to Board members in advance of the April 2 Board of Finance meeting. Board of Education Vice Chair Sharon Shepherd and Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Charles presented the Superintendent's recommended budget for FY20. Mark Porter will collect written questions from Board of Finance members relative to the budget proposal by March 19 and forward them to the Board of Education Vice Chair and Superintendent, who will respond to Board members in advance of the April 2 Board of Finance meeting.

d. Discuss Governor's Budget Proposal

Dave Kilbon reviewed the statutory municipal and education grants that would be paid to East Granby under the Governor's February 20 budget proposal. He noted that CGS §13-175a permits Municipal Grants in Aid to be used for Capital projects with the agreement of the Secretary of the State Office of Policy and Management, a practice the Town has used for the past fiscal years.

e. Consider Board of Education Request to Establish an Unexpended Education Funds Account

Board members agreed to defer discussion and possible action of establishment of an Account until the April 2 Board meeting.

6) Old Business

None

7) Monthly Reports

a. Shared Services Status

The next meeting will be held March 28.

b. Financial

Motion: A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mike Malloy to accept the Board of Education financial report for January 2019 and the Treasurer's, General Government and Board of Education financial reports for February 2019. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried**.

8) <u>Public Comment</u>

Selectman and Board of Education member John Ziobro stated the proposed General Government budget included use of the Town Aid Road replacement funding included in last year's budget, the list of reductions in the Board of Education budget proposal had not been approved by the Board of Education, and that both the boards of Selectmen and Education were including exterior school maintenance in their proposals. A resident stated that the Board of Finance should wait until state grant revenue has been finalized before recommending a Town budget for adoption and that Capital projects should have a sinking fund for maintenance and replacement. A resident noted budgets are changeable based on circumstances as the year progresses.

9) <u>Adjourn</u>

Motion: A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mark Porter to adjourn the meeting. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried**. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, David K. Kilbon Substitute Board Clerk