

**EAST GRANBY BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2020**

1) Call to Order

A special meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order by Chair Natalie Welsh (via Zoom) at 7:14 p.m. Members present (via Zoom) were alternate Jeff Clark, alternate Oliver Davis, Jim Francoline, Mike Malloy, Dave McNally, Mark Porter and Lee Sandora.

2) Public Comment

A comment was made that the BOF should take more dramatic action and should not have any increase in the budget. Two comments were made asking the BOF not to penalize the BOS, BOE or teachers by making drastic cuts to their budgets.

3) Acceptance of Minutes –March 31, 2020

Motion: A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mark Porter to accept the minutes of the March 31, 2020 meeting. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

4) Communication & Correspondence

- Letter to auditing firm regarding FY 19-20 retention
- Public comments to 20-21 budgetcomment@egtownhall.com -Comments received at this email address will be available in their entirety on the town website eastgranbyct.org (under Town News -Board of Finance FY21 budget information)
- Responses to BOF questions from BOE and BOS

5) Unfinished Business

A) Update on Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Natalie Welsh gave an update on the Governor's executive orders as they pertain to the budget process. Jim Hayden and Missy Bavaro gave updates on the response to COVID-19 for the town and schools, respectively.

B) Further Modification to Meeting/Budget Schedule due to COVID19 Pandemic

Motion: A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mark Porter to change the date of the next Board of Finance meeting (and public hearing) from May 5, 2020 to May 12, 2020. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

6) New Business

A) Update Revenue Projections

Updated revenue projections were discussed.

B) Provide Directives to Boards of Selectmen and Education for FY 2020-21 Budget Presentations at Public Hearing

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Natalie Welsh to direct the BOS to present a budget of \$4,934,875 and the BOE to present a budget of \$17,319,600 at the public hearing on May 12, 2020. **Three votes were in favor (Malloy, McNally, Welsh) and three opposed (Francoline, Porter, Sandora). Motion failed.**

Motion: A motion was made by Dave McNally and seconded by Mike Malloy to direct the BOS to present a budget of \$4,940,210 and the BOE to present a budget of \$17,295,830 at the public hearing on May 12, 2020. **Three votes were in favor (Malloy, McNally, Welsh) and three opposed (Francoline, Porter, Sandora). Motion failed.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mark Porter and seconded by Dave McNally to direct the BOS to present a budget of \$4,922,750 and the BOE to present a budget of \$17,234,700 at the public hearing on May 12, 2020. **Four votes were in favor (Malloy, McNally, Porter, Welsh) and two opposed (Francoline, Sandora). Motion carried.**

C) Update Debt Service for Public Hearing

Motion: A motion was made by Mark Porter and seconded by Natalie Welsh to direct the BOS to present debt service of \$789,621 and a capital contribution of \$600,000 at the public hearing on May 12, 2020. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

D) Consider Modifications to Capital for Public Hearing

This item was addressed as part of the motion taken under item 6C.

7) Monthly Reports

A) Shared Services Status

No update.

B) Building Committee

No update.

C) Financials

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Jim Francoline to table the review of financials until the May 12th meeting. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

8) Public Comment

Several comments were made thanking the BOF, BOS and BOE for their insights, hard work and leadership. Comments were made requesting the emailed public comments regarding the budget be shared publicly and that audio issues with the zoom meeting are corrected. Several comments were made commending the teachers and their hard work during these difficult times.

9) Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Lee Sandora and seconded by Dave McNally to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Jacobs, Board Clerk