

**East Granby Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2022**

1. Call to order

A special meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order by Chairman Mark Porter (via Zoom) at 7:06 p.m. Members present (via Zoom) were Oliver Davis, Mike Malloy, Natalie Welsh, alternate Jeff Clark. Jeff was designated a voting member. Jim Francoline joined at 7:10. Absent: Todd Zessin and alternate Gloria Perrotta.

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Oliver Davis to accept the special meeting minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting. **Mark Porter, Oliver Davis, Mike Malloy, Natalie Welsh and Jeff Clark voted in favor. Mike Malloy abstained. Motion carried.**

3. Communication and correspondence

- a. FOIA request
- b. State notice on motor vehicle Mil Rate cap.

4. Business

a. Budget for 2022-23 Fiscal Year – Consider and act on mil rates.

A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Jim Francoline to set the Motor Vehicle mil rate at 32.46 and the Real Estate and Personal Property mil rate at 34.1 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Five votes in favor (Davis, Francoline, Malloy, Porter, Clark) and one opposed (Welsh). Motion carried.

b. Consider and act upon capital requests

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Mike Malloy to recommend for Town Meeting action the following:

WHEREAS, the East Granby Board of Education/Town of East Granby is interested in replacing present lighting at the RD Seymour Elementary School with energy efficient LED lighting (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education on behalf of the Town is about to enter into an agreement with Eversource Energy and Earthlight Innovative Solar Solutions for the replacement of such lighting which said agreement provides for financial incentives to the Board of Education/Town of East Granby; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is a sum not to exceed \$59,849.02 and Eversource Energy has agreed to provide incentives not to exceed \$12,660 and has agreed to finance the balance not to exceed \$47,189.02 over four years with zero interest (the “Loan”); and

WHEREAS, the Loan as described herein and a transfer of a sum not to exceed \$11,797.25 from the Unallocated Fund Balance to the Debt Service Account in Fiscal Year 2023 for the LED project will require approval of the Board of Finance and of the Town meeting.

**Five votes in favor (Davis, Francoline, Malloy, Porter, Clark) and one opposed (Welsh).
Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Jim Francoline and seconded by Jeff Clark to recommend for Town Meeting action the following:

WHEREAS, the East Granby Board of Education/Town of East Granby is interested in replacing present lighting at the East Granby Middle/High School with energy efficient LED lighting (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education on behalf of the Town is about to enter into an agreement with Eversource Energy and Earthlight Innovative Solar Solutions for the replacement of such lighting which said agreement provides for financial incentives to the Board of Education/Town of East Granby; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is a sum not to exceed \$476,084.53 and Eversource Energy has agreed to provide incentives not to exceed \$155,008.80 and has agreed to finance the balance not to exceed \$321,075.73 over four years with zero interest (the "Loan"); and

WHEREAS, the Loan as described herein and a transfer of a sum not to exceed \$80,268.93 from the Unallocated Fund Balance to the Debt Service Account in Fiscal Year 2023 for the LED project will require approval of the Board of Finance and of the Town meeting.

**Five votes in favor (Davis, Francoline, Malloy, Porter, Clark) and one opposed (Welsh).
Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Natalie Welsh and seconded by Jeff Clark to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$10,000 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to purchase and install camera and security system upgrades at East Granby Schools as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. All votes were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Natalie Welsh and seconded by Jeff Clark to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$14,028 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to repair and maintain the East Granby High School tennis courts as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Natalie Welsh to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$6,975 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to remove trees around the East Granby High School tennis courts as

recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Natalie Welsh to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$7,241.85 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to refinish the main gym floor at East Granby High School as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Natalie Welsh to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$29,674 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to purchase custodial cleaning equipment as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Natalie Welsh to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$15,000 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to reconfigure the computer room at Seymour School as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Natalie Welsh to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$5,493.67 from the FY22 capital non-recurring fund to purchase and install a Dell server at Seymour School as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

A motion was made by Natalie Welsh and seconded by Jeff Clark to recommend for town meeting action regarding the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$30,000 from the FY23 capital non-recurring fund to repair sidewalks at the East Granby High and Seymour Schools as recommended by the BOE, with any unexpended funds returned to the capital non-recurring fund. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

5. Public Comment

Comments were heard from a resident on the LED Projects and 5-year Capital Plan and budget processes.

6. Adjournment Motion:

A motion was made by Jeff Clark and seconded by Mike Malloy to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Porter, Board Chairman