

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 6:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - A meeting of the East Granby Board of Selectman (BOS) was held on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at the East Granby Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Selectman Short and Selectman Ziobro were present along with three residents from Spoonville Road.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none
1. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Seymour Road/DOT update, Route 20/Greenway Intersection Update, Resident Spoonville Road Comment, February General Government Financials, Tax Collector Financials, M.O.R.E. Legislative Agenda, BDL Meeting Notes, Resilience Grows Here Update, CCM Legislative Priorities, Road List, House Bill 5055 DMV Bill, MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule for 2016, DOJ Letter, February 2016 Police Statistics, Groundwater Awareness Week, Top 10 Taxpayer Grand List
3. **MINUTES** - Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the February 24, 2016 minutes as presented, Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Stop Sign on Spoonville Road** – Selectman Short made a motion to install stop signs at the two Melody Lane/Spoonville Road intersections. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. Discussion ensued where Selectman Ziobro reviewed with the BOS an article from the US DOT regarding conditions when a two-way Stop should be installed and he didn't think it met the requirements. First Selectman Hayden was in favor of one new stop sign to help control traffic and speed. Selectman Short amended his motion to read: “to install one stop sign at the north Melody Lane/Spoonville Road intersection”. The “friendly amendment” was seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – First Selectman Hayden and Selectman Short in favor of the motion and Selectman Ziobro against the motion.
 - b. **2017 Budget Information**- First Selectman Hayden reviewed the latest iteration of the General Government draft budget which has a 1.5% increase over FY16. \$650 was added to the Assessor line for training and \$4483 was added to the DPW line. Selectman Ziobro asked about the \$5000 entry on the Facilities Management line. First Selectman Hayden said this was for the third year payment of a three-year lease on a pick-up truck. This budget will be presented to the BOF at their March 15, 2016 Meeting.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Small Cities Grant 2016 Application Resolution** – Selectman Short made the following motion:

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 – 3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Granby make application to the State for \$800,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of East Granby in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, to carry out approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of East Granby.

Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

Selectman Short made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the Small Cities Grant on behalf of the Town and to sign all appropriate paperwork as it pertains to the Grant. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- b. Town Hall HVAC Project** - Selectman Short made a motion to recommend for Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval, a sum not to exceed \$72,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for replacement of the Town Hall Chiller. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- c. LED Energy Conservation Project** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to enter into the Eversource Small Business Energy Advantage Program and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all appropriate paperwork as it pertains to the project. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- d. Appointments** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to appoint Paul Holjes as EDC Alternate, Dolores Campbell as COA Alternate, Alicia Van Neil as Fair-Housing Complaint Officer, Kelly Jacobs as Fair Housing Officer, Nicole Sololowski as ADA Grievance Procedure Officer and Nicole Sokolowski as Citizen Process Complaint Officer. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

Selectman Short made a motion to add 6 (e) Fair Housing Resolution and 6 (f) Refunds to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- e. **Fair Housing Resolution.** Selectman Short made a motion to accept and endorse the following Fair Housing Resolution:

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of East Granby is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

Now therefore, be it resolved, That the Town of East Granby hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

Be it further resolved, That the chief executive officer of the Town of East Granby or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of East Granby and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities. Adopted by the Town of East Granby on March 9, 2016. – James M. Hayden, First Selectman.

Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

f. Refunds – Selectman Short made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – a resident said that while one stop sign on Spoonville was good two were better.
7. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Short made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Hayden