

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 25, 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 May 25, 2016 at the East Granby Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Selectman Short and Selectman Ziobro were present along with three members of the general public.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Zawistowski asked if there had been a legal opinion regarding his question on who can vote for the minutes of the Town Meeting. First Selectman Hayden said that he was waiting for a response from the Town Attorney. Mr. Zawistowski and Mr. Grenon-Francoline commented in favor of a town-wide discussion on agenda item 6(d) - the East Granby High School Efficiency Report.

Selectman Ziobro made a motion to move to 6a in the agenda to be the next item discussed. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- 6a. **COPPER HILL GREENWAY REPAVING** – Ms. Rosalie McKinney addressed the BOS on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission. The two oldest Copper Hill sections of the Greenway are in the need of repair and maintenance. Repaving of one section is estimated to cost around \$80,000 and Ms. McKinney recommended that the BOS put this item on a future 5-Year Capital Plan. She then addressed the smaller section of the Copper Hill area Greenway which will cost \$43,450 to repave. Parks and Recreation has requested that \$27,000 from the Open Space Fund be allocated towards the repair. Other funding options are being assessed to make up the balance. Selectman Ziobro made a motion to recommend for Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval that \$27,000 from the Open Space fund be appropriated for repair and paving of the Copper Hill section of the Greenway. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

3. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Bears at Turkey Hills, Newgate Prison, Tax Sale Information, Discretionary State Funding Eligibility, Water Utility Coordinating Committees Meetings, CCM Budget Numbers, COST OFA Town by Town Aid Information, COST Budget Summary, Rumble Strips, Chart of Accounts, CRCOG Foundation, Volunteer Fire Department Update and Action Items, FVC Meeting, FY15 Annual Report. Monrovia Shrub Donation, Draft Plan of Conservation and Development, Route 187 Speed and Noise Complaints

Per the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) update memo, the VFD has requested that they be allowed to sell the surplus ladder truck and that the proceeds go into the capital non-recurring fund for Fire Department capital items. Selectman Ziobro made a motion to recommend for Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval that the proceeds from the sale of the ladder truck be returned to the capital non-recurring fund and designated for Fire Department related capital items. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

4. **MINUTES-** Selectman Short made a motion to accept the May 11, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

5. OLD BUSINESS -

- a. **LED Energy Conservation Project Update** – First Selectman Hayden has asked the Town Attorney to draft the motion needed for this project.
- b. **Pending Assessment Claim** – tabled. No additional information.
- c. **Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Ordinance Revision-** Waiting for feedback from the Fire Department regarding the Volunteer Tax Credit program.
- d. **New Ordinance Suggestions** – tabled. This will be looked at in the fall.

6. NEW BUSINESS -

- a. **Copper Hill Greenway Repaving-** previously moved up the agenda to follow “Public Comment”.
- b. **Floydville Bridge Scour-** As previously mentioned at other BOS meetings, CTDOT inspections have identified a section underneath the bridge as “scour critical”. The Town Engineer and WMC, our bridge consultants, state that there are no immediate safety concerns with the bridge since the piers/piles are driven into river bedrock. However, the Town does need to resolve the issue. First Selectman Hayden said that the bridge repairs would qualify for a 50/50 State of Connecticut Local Bridge Grant. The preliminary estimate for the repair would be \$667,000 with a town portion of \$333,500. Since there are several options that are available, the Town Engineer does not believe the cost will be that high. His figures are closer to \$150,000-\$200,000. After a detailed discussion by the BOS, First Selectman Hayden said that approval of the grant application does not commit the town to a specific solution or financial commitment at this time. What it does do is to position the Town “in line” for a State Grant. Selectman Ziobro reiterated that he did not want any specific town dollars committed at this time. The Grant deadline to file is May 27, 2016 with the grants anticipated to be awarded in August 2016. With design and permit approvals, it could take several years for the project to be completed. Selectman Ziobro made a motion for the Town to apply for the 2016 State Local Bridge Grant, and to authorize First Selectman Hayden to sign off on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Selectman Short.
Motion Approved Unanimously.
- c. **Refunds-** Selectman Short made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- d. **East Granby High School Efficiency Report Discussion-** After a discussion by the BOS, the consensus was that First Selectman Hayden will ask the Board of Education about establishing a potential “Blue Ribbon Committee” to review options highlighted by the High School Efficiency Report. The BOS acknowledged that the BOE has jurisdiction over this matter but thought that the Town may benefit from a discussion.

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Representative Tami Zawistowski expressed her strong support for an objective analysis of looking over the regional educational options. She commented on there being a lot of pressure under the current State Legislature leadership, especially by financially punishing towns that are not doing something on a regional basis, or rewarding those that should be. She also questioned if the Floydville Bridge’s problems were caused by design, in which First Selectman Hayden reassured her it was not.

Mr. Zawistowski suggested that the Board of Finance write a letter to the Board of Education in regards to the efficiency report.

Mr. Francoline commented on having a conversation with the Chairman of the Board of Finance who was in favor of a discussion of exploring the possibilities of regionalization, and believes they would agree to writing a letter as well.

- 8. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Short.
Motion Approved Unanimously at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Sokolowski