

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 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 September 14, 2016 at the East Granby Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Selectman Ziobro was present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
3. **POLICE CONTRACT** – Town Labor Attorney Kevin Deneen began a review of the 2016-2019 contract. Selectman Ziobro asked if this discussion should be held in Executive Session. Attorney Deneen said that the contract was signed and there wouldn't be a need of an Executive Session. Selectman Ziobro requested an opinion from Town Attorney Landolina on whether the Board of Selectmen should vote on contracts with bargaining units prior to them being finalized. Contract items reviewed included changing the health insurance program to the Connecticut Partnership which will offer a significant cost savings to the town, a general wage increase of 2% for 2016-2017, a 1% increase for 2017-2018, and a 1% increase for 2018-2019 along with step increases. Changes in workmen's compensation, private duty minimums and uniform allowance language were also noted.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – CCM Candidate Bulletin on Property Taxes, Heritage Farms, Police Officer Posting, CCM State Education Funding Court Case, Emerald Ash Borer, LED Streetlights, BOE Board Chair on Allgrove School Air Conditioning, BOE & Efficiency Study, July 2016 Financial, Draft FY16 Treasurer Report, Police Statistics, Comptroller Lembo State Budget First Projection, Mobilitie Cell Towers, DPW Beautification Project at Middle/High School, Go Solar CT, Prescription Program Statistics, CT DOT Rt189 & Holcomb Traffic Light Replacement, CT DOT Rt 20/187Traffic Counts, Spoonville Speeds & Stop Sign, Old Newgate Prison Open House, Farmington Valley Trails Council Donation, Tax Collector Reports, Treasurer Reports.
5. **MINUTES** – Minutes for June 22, 2016 are tabled. Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the August 10, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
6. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - a. **Pending Assessment Claim** – tabled, no new information.
 - b. **Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Ordinance Information** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed the current East Granby Volunteer Ambulance Tax Abatement Ordinance and the Granby Volunteer Fire/Ambulance Ordinance. He mentioned that Acting Chief Wolf is going to provide him with feedback regarding the Volunteer Fire Department abatement and the BOS will continue to look at potential changes and recommendations at future meetings.
 - c. **Small Cities Grant & Conflict of Interest Language Update** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed an opinion letter from the Town Attorney which detailed steps to be

taken to disclose a potential conflict of interest that the First Selectman could have since he is also the President of the Metacomet Homes (MHI). MHI is a non-profit organization which operates 72 units of affordable housing in East Granby. The MHI Board of Directors are volunteers and receive no compensation. MHI received a Federal/State Small Cities Grant this summer to make roof, heating system and paving improvements at Metacomet Village. The Town Attorney has apprised the State that on any Small Cities matters, the First Selectman will not act on behalf of MHI but only on behalf of the Town. Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept, post and sign a public notice concerning the Small Cities Housing Program potential conflict of interest. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- d. **Plan of Conservation and Development – resident comments, BOS comments –** Letters to the BOS from residents regarding the Draft Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) were made available. The revised POCD is available on the Town website.

7. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **5-Year Capital Plan Draft –** The First Selectman reviewed possible additions to the 5-Year Capital Plan items such as a Village Center Study, turn out gear and vehicles for the Fire Department, and a kitchen update at the Senior Community Center. More discussion will occur at the next BOS meeting. The 5-year Capital Plan needs to be finalized for the October Meeting of the Board of Finance.
- b. **Potential Bond Projects Discussion –** First Selectman Hayden mentioned potential projects that could be considered for bonding which would include road paving, school & town roofs, and limited air-conditioning at Allgrove. He suggested that the BOS consider appointing a sub-committee to research and recommend a proposal to the BOS, BOE, BOF and ultimately to the Town. This will be an ongoing discussion at the next BOS meeting.
- c. **Resignations –** Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the resignation of Zettie Shookus from the Commission of Aging and to appoint Rose Egnat as a permanent member of Commission of Aging. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- d. **Refunds –** Selectman Ziobro made a motion to approve the refunds as presented by the Tax Collector and Town Assessor. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

9. **ADJOURN –** Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski