

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
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 January 11, 2016 at the East Granby Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Selectman Ziobro was present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Resident Airport Noise Email, Probate Court, Spoonville Speed Readings, Textile Recycling, Windsor Locks Parent Leadership Training Institute, DEEP Public Space Recycling, Comptroller Lembo Economic/Deficit Report, December Police Activity, December Tax Collector Report, CCM Grant finder Update, MDC Drought Advisory, MIRA Customer Meeting, Skating Pond Planning, Police Vehicles Update – Selectman Ziobro asked how much of the hourly fee for Private Jobs goes to gas and vehicle wear and tear. The First Selectman will bring additional information to the next meeting of the BOS., COA Senior Center Improvements List, Eversource/Asplundh Tree Cutting, Bonding Committee, CCSWA Annual Report, OPM ECS Funding, OPM LoCip Funding, East Granby Public Schools Annual Community Forum, Newgate Prison Open House Thank You, DPH Health Rankings, Woodbury ECS Proposal, Auditor Retirement, CT FastTrack Ridership, Small Airports & International Flights, Ladder Truck Sale Update, Teacher’s Contract, Municipal Grants-in-Aid Waiver, 2017 BOF Activity Calendar, Municipal Education Showcase for Shared Services, Small Cities Grant Waiver
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the December 14, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Pending Assessment Claims** – Garlic/Dell – tabled
 - b. **Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Ordinance Information** – tabled

Selectman Ziobro made a motion to add 6 (b) Potential Bonding Projects to the Agenda. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Potential FY18 Budget Drivers** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed with BOS potential budget drivers for the upcoming fiscal year. The current year’s budget is \$4,613,000, every increase of \$46,130 in expenses adds one percentage point to the 2018 Budget.

FY18 Contractual raises for Police are anticipated to cost \$12,500. The 2017 budget assumption for the Resident Trooper Program was for the Town to pay 100% of total cost or \$170,000. The State remained at 85% so we have some savings this year to

budget but it is anticipated that the Town FY18 financial reimbursement for the program will increase to 100% for a total of \$190,000. The First Selectman projected an overall \$32,500 increase in labor costs to the current police budget. The Town Hall and DPW Union contracts expire on June 30, 2017. Negotiations will begin shortly. For perspective, the First Selectman said that in the current fiscal year, contract obligations for the three unions and comparable raises for non-union employees totaled \$45,000 or 2.5%. For the overall insurance line (property, casualty, workmen comp, health insurance), there is a projected increase of about \$50,000 over current costs. \$35,000 of that increase is health insurance where we anticipate a 5% premium increase plus the addition of one employee and family, during open enrollment.

MIRA is discussing a \$4 per ton increase in the tipping fee which could add \$11,000 or more to our trash disposal costs. MDC is raising rates 6% which will affect the WPCA budget and resident's water/sewer bills. CT DPH is discussing consolidation of Health Districts and charging 1.5% on our total budget including the BOE budget or an increase from the current \$27,363 to \$300,000. The First Selectman said that he does not think this proposal will go forward but he brought it up because DPH and other State Agencies may look to transfer costs to towns, especially in the form of unfunded mandates.

- b. Potential Bonding Projects** – The BOS discussed potential bonding projects for General Government and the School District which have been surfaced by the boards or by the Bonding Committee. The consensus was to concentrate on major projects such as roofs and roads.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

- 8. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski