

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 22, 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 March 22, 2017 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Selectman Short and Selectman Ziobro were present. Also, attending the meeting were Robert Constable and Carlos Cruz from the MDC.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None
3. **MDC Representatives will discuss the MDC’s transition from quarterly to monthly billing effective in April 2017.** Robert Constable, MDC Director of Finance, stated that the MDC has begun to transition from quarterly to monthly billing. For East Granby residents, this change to monthly bills will start in April 2017. The MDC has also revised their bills to contain detailed information. They believe this will be easier for the customers to manage their usage of water, and what they are being billed for. Within thirty days from receiving their final quarterly bill, customers will receive their first monthly bill. Mr. Constable also mentioned that they are hoping to have more customers use E-billing and pay their bills on line, as well as they are working towards customers being able to pay their bills at a CVS or Walmart.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Ladder Truck, Farmington Valley Collaborative, CERC, Treasurer Report, General Government Financials, COST on Teachers’ Pensions, FY18 Budget Dates, Grand List, Resident Suggestion on Children’s Memorial Garden, Social Service Director Position Open,
5. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the March 8, 2017 minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – First Selectman Hayden and Selectman Ziobro voted in favor and Selectman Short abstained.

Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the March 20, 2017 minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – First Selectman Hayden and Selectman Ziobro voted in favor and Selectman Short abstained

Selectman Short made a motion to add 7c Town Budget Referendum to the Agenda, Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Volunteer Ambulance / Fire Personnel Ordinance Information** – The First Selectman will contact the Town Attorney to revise the Volunteer Ambulance/Fire Personnel Abatement Ordinance and review it with both organizations and the BOS.
- b. **Discussion of FY18 Operating Draft Budget** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed the status of the draft budget, comments from the BOS and questions received from the Board of Finance.

- What is the impact of reducing the fuel allotment for DPW, Police and Fire? First Selectman Hayden answered that fuel expenses are currently 23% less than budget, so a reduction of 15% should be manageable.
- The Board of Finance asked about the effect of deferring the replacement of three desktop computers. First Selectman Hayden answered that deferral will add to costs in future years but not pose an immediate concern. The scheduled replacement of three desktops in FY18 is part of a systematic approach to maintaining up to date units and technology.
- The BOF asked what is the cost for painting the Park & Recreation Barn at East Granby Farms? First Selectman Hayden mentioned an estimate that was received a couple years ago, which was under \$5000. Upon discussion with the BOS, the First Selectman will look at options such as the cost of painting the barn “in house”.
- The BOF also asked about enhancing the Economic Development Coordinator position. The First Selectman stated that such a position would allow for a more consistent and proactive approach to Economic Development.

The BOF FY18 direction to the BOS was for a 1 ½ % operational increase. The BOS submitted a 1% operating budget increase. Further direction from the BOF will occur at the April 4th Board of Finance meeting

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lot 82 South Main Street - Adjacent to Cowles Park** – Selectman Short made a motion to request that Planning and Zoning conduct an 8-24 review on the potential acquisition by the Town of Lot 82 South Main Street/Assessor Map #25, and to authorize the Town Attorney to discuss with the landowner and his representatives acquisition of said property. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Ultimately any decision on property acquisition would require legislative approval by the Town Meeting

- b. Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- c. Town Budget Referendum** – Selectman Short made a motion that the Board of Selectman take the Annual Budget to Town Referendum at a date to be determined, Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT– None

- 9. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Short. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski