



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday March 28, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday March 28, 2018 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Shared Services Report, Closed Landfill Solar Array Idea, Bradley Development League Target Industries/Consultant Feedback, CT Air National Guard Gate Update, National League of Cities Article on 10 Things Elected Officials Should Know, Windsor High School Safety Student Forum, Resident Request for Senior Tax Freeze, Resident Trash Pick-up email, Resident Budget email, Town Topics Highlights, Resident email on Hazardous Waste Collection and Police Log, Eversource Tree Trimming Protocol, Fire Chief Troy Wolf Resignation, Property Tax Abatement Testimony, CT Water Consolidation, P&Z Discussion on Medical Cannabis Dispensary, February Police Blotter, CCM Highlights from the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth Report, MDC Fees, COST Legislation Update,
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the March 12, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the March 14, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - a. **Airport Noise – Delta Update** – First Selectman Hayden spoke with Patricia Ornst from Delta’s New York office. She is going to follow up on the status on the MD88 and will send First Selectman Hayden additional information.
 - b. **School Safety and Security Update** – First Selectman Hayden made a request for the Connecticut State Police to conduct an evaluation of school safety and security

similar to what they conducted in 2013. As a result of the evaluation, the BOE was able to take action on the recommendation. Selectman Doering discussed the position of a School Resource Officer.

- c. **Draft 5-Year Capital Plan** – First Selectman Hayden explained that this update contains several changes and recommendations from the current plan. The Board of Selectmen can update this plan and then present a new 5-year plan in September to the Board of Finance.
- d. **Seymour Road Traffic Update – Request to OSTA for Road Restrictions Without an Ordinance** – First Selectman Hayden passed on information that was received from Representative Zawistowski to the Town Attorney regarding the DOT and ordinances for road restrictions. The Town Attorney has commented that an Ordinance may be ruled invalid by the State DOT since Seymour Road lies between two towns. He believes getting the State Traffic Authority to declare a street as a no thru truck street would be more beneficial and effective.

Selectman Doering made a motion to have the First Selectman request a Traffic Study of Seymour and Newgate Roads from CT OSTA. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro.
Motion Approved Unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. **Appointments & Resignations** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the resignation of Yvonne Lemieux from the Commission of Aging (COA), and to thank him for his service and to appoint Judy Root as a full member of the COA and Ellen Grifing as an Alternate to the COA. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- c. **Budget Referendum Discussion** – The BOS discussed the “pros and cons” of Budget Referendums versus strictly Budget Town Meetings. Selectman Doering mentioned that many times residents at Town Meetings are well informed because they can listen to presentations and ask questions. Referendums provide the opportunity for more residents to vote on the budget without the benefit of a presentation and Q/A session. Selectman Doering discussed ways to provide information to residents on the day of the referendum. First Selectman Hayden mentioned that no one can be within 75 feet of the polling area and public officials cannot advocate with town resources a specific position once the BOS has set the Town Meeting and Referendum.

Selectman Ziobro made a motion that the BOS will call for a Budget Referendum to be held this year at a date in May to be determined. Seconded by Selectman Doering.
Motion Approved Unanimously.

- d. **Tax Incentive Discussion** – Current East Granby tax incentive plans include the ability for the BOS to provide incentives to businesses directly and the Bradley Development Zone which provides manufacturers in specific categories an 80% tax abatement for seven years, 40% from the Town and 40% from the State. It is uncertain if the State will continue to fund their share of the incentive. First Selectman Hayden mentioned the benefit of marketing the town and broadening the Town's tax base with an independent tax incentive program that can be published and used by the Economic Development Commission to promote the town. First Selectman Hayden has asked the Town Attorney to look at other towns programs and to provide model language for a tax incentive policy.
- e. **Tax Sale Glen Hollow Lot B Acquisition** – The First Selectman stated there were no bids on this property at the Tax Sale held on March 14, 2018, therefore it defaults to the Town of East Granby. Selectman Doering made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to acquire and execute all appropriate documents on behalf of the town regarding transfer of the title. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – Hayden, Doering in favor, Ziobro opposed.
- f. **Executive Session** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to add Executive Session to 6(f) to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously**.

Move into Executive Session at 7:53pm. The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 8:18pm. No votes were taken.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

- 8. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. Motion **Approved Unanimously** at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Nicole Sokolowski