



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday October 9, 2019**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday October 9, 2019 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– Resident Paul Calebaugh offered his gratitude and wanted to applaud the efforts of the East Granby Police Department and Granby Ambulance for their assistance at his home the night before.
3. **STOP SIGN ON SPOONVILLE**
  - a. **Correspondence and Statistics** –First Selectman Hayden reviewed the applicable state guidance regarding valid reasons for placing a stop sign. Stop signs are not to be used for speed control but can be used if there are high speeds, restricted view, or crash records indicate a need for control by the stop sign. He also reviewed resident correspondence where the resident from 72 Spoonville Road wrote in favor of a stop sign being placed near the south Melody Lane exit. A resident from Sage Lane provided information that stated that stop signs are not an effective safety contributor and that studies have confirmed that stop signs do not offer measurable safety benefits.
  - b. **Resident Trooper Input** – Resident Trooper TFC Capps discussed northbound and southbound electronic data that he collected on Spoonville Road. The speed limit on Spoonville is 30 mph. The 90-day data showed average daily volume of 913 cars going northbound, 85% of which were traveling 32.1 mph or lower. 1323 cars were going southbound, 85% of which were traveling 33.73 mph. Trooper Capps concern was not so much the speed but that the road is being used as a cut-through and that the traffic volume is heavy on a street with no sidewalks. As such, TFC Capps is concerned with public safety and recommended a stop sign. He believes an additional stop sign will deter cut-through traffic from using Spoonville and help

reduce the volume on the road. Residents had an opportunity to provide feedback and questions to TFC Capps and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Doering made a motion to set up a Stop Sign at the corner of Melody and Spoonville Road and to revisit the decision after collecting speed and volume data for 90 days. If data does not support the stop sign, then it will be removed. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Pedestrian Crossing Update, Colebrook River Lake Dam Gate Repair Project, Coyote Awareness Forum, Library Thank You, General Government Financials, Monthly Tax Collector Report, Sewer Fees Collection Rate, Hartford Foundation Kick-Off Event, PFAS Health Advisory, Annual Statewide Emergency Planning Exercise, CABE Focus Group Meeting for BOF, BOS & BOE, Comptroller Lembo Monthly Report, CRCOG Economic Development District, COST New Laws Update, Resident Compliment on Research Request, Eastern Equine Encephalitis Information, Treasurer Review of Emergency Assistance Fund, Municipal Sharing of Funds Related to East Windsor Casino, Connecticut Partnership 2.0 FY21 Rate Adjustment, East Granby High School Project Graduation Class of 2020,
5. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the September 25, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the September 25, 2019 meeting minutes with the following amendment to item (3) Draft 5-Year Capital Plan – “Selectman Ziobro discussed the purchase of a used van in the summer for the custodians and stated that he thought that it should have been a capital purchase approved by the BOS and not from the operating budget”. Seconded by Selectman Doering. During discussion, the First Selectman said that it was an emergency purchase to replace the custodian’s SUV which was involved in an accident and was deemed not to be roadworthy. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Tax Incentives** – No new information.

b. **School Town Building Committee Update** – First Selectman Hayden anticipates the school roofs will be complete by the end of October beginning of November. All town buildings are complete with the exception of the Public Safety building, which is scheduled to start next week. Road work has begun on phase 1 of Newgate Road.

c. **5-Year Capital Plan** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed the 5-year Capital Plan draft in detail. The current proposal is balanced to the plan that was approved by the Board of Finance in October of 2018 and adds FY25 anticipated needs. This plan removes roads and roofs due to those requirements being met by the bonding project and adds fire equipment as recommended by the Fire Department and previously discussed by the BOS. This plan removes \$113,000 for air pack units which would be

offset by grants. The First Selectman said that he and the Fire Chief were interviewing grant writers. Funding for the grant writers was included in the current fiscal year operating budget. He also mentioned that federal firefighter grants are not being awarded for apparatus but are being awarded for equipment such as the air pack units. This draft balances out the funding “spikes” from the previous version. Selectman Ziobro stated that he did not agree with the purchase of an ATV for the Fire Department and thought it was a luxury not a need to have. First Selectman Hayden said that the \$25,000 item included the ATV unit itself, water tanks and other equipment to fight brush fires. The ATV would also bring firefighters to hard to get to emergency areas such as the Metacomet Ridge and mountain bike trail at Cowles Park. Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the 5-Year Capital Plan as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – Hayden and Doering in favor; Ziobro opposed.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Resignations** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the resignations of Brian Cosker and Joanne Petrin from the Commission on Aging and thank them for their service. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**b. Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Leslie Marques from the Bradley Chamber of Commerce extended an invitation to the BOS for an event they are holding on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Eastfield Shops. Marshall Benware commented about the need and use for an ATV that the Fire Department has requested.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:53 pm to discuss pending police negotiations and potential litigation. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 9:21pm. No votes were taken.

**10. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Sokolowski