



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday January 22, 2020
Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday January 22, 2020 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**– None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Bradley Regional Chamber TVCA Cares Donation Project, General Government December Financials, December Treasurer Report, December Tax Collector Report, “Zero Waste or Zero Strategy” – Tom Swarr Commentary, Hartford Rail Line Ridership, November/December Police Log, Women’s Suffrage Signs by Secretary of State, Revised BOS Meeting Schedule, Building Official Posting, COST Proposed 2020 Legislative Priorities
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the January 8, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Tax Incentives** – First Selectman Hayden mentioned an article that was forwarded to him regarding incentives for the Home Depot Distribution Center in South Windsor. The abatement reduces the estimated property assessment by 50%, resulting in an estimated tax benefit of \$309,000 a year or 2.7 million over a seven-year agreement. Going forward, the BOS will want to discuss abatement plans like this and the Bradley Development Zone.
 - b. **School Town Building Committee Update** – First Selectman Hayden stated they are about 2-3 weeks away from completing the Middle and High School roofs as well as the carpentry work at the Public Safety building.

Selectman Doering made a motion to add **6(d) Homeland Security Memo of understanding and resolution** to the Agenda. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. OPM Regional Performance Incentive Programs** – The First Selectman reviewed three potential Regional Performance Incentive Programs being facilitated by CRCOG and funded by the State. The programs are: “The East Granby, Windsor Locks, Suffield Economic Development Consulting Grant”; the Region-wide Planimetric Data Grant (GIS mapping layers) and the School-Municipal Back Office Consolidation Cost Benefit Analyses and Implementation Grant. The Town’s participation in these plans would access State funding for shared services and save the Town money if they pursued them on their own. Selectman Ziobro was concerned about the lack of details on the Planimetric Data grant. Selectman Doering made a motion for the BOS to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposal and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the Town’s participation in this program. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – Hayden and Doering in favor. Ziobro abstained.
- b. Sale of State-Owned Land on Route 20** – The Town has the first right of refusal for any state land being sold. The parcels in question are surplus state property adjacent to Route 20 and is related to the proposed Cumberland Farm store. The town has no need for the property. Selectman Doering made a motion to authorize the First Selectman inform the state that we are not interested in the property. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- c. Proposal by the East Granby Center Cemetery Board of Directors** – First Selectman Hayden had a meeting with John Rusnock, President of the East Granby Center Cemetery Association. Mr. Rusnock said that the four volunteer members of the organization would like to retire. Absent ongoing members, they would like the town to take over the maintenance responsibilities of the cemetery. Public Works could absorb that role. The Cemetery is full, there are no available plots. This is a historical cemetery dating back to 1736. First Selectman Hayden will contact the Historical Society to see if they would be interested in telling the story of the site while the Town picks up the maintenance responsibilities.
- d. FFY19 Homeland Security Memo of Understanding and Resolution** – On an annual basis CRCOG and the town apply for the Homeland Security Grant funding and ownership of regional assets for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The agreement would support seven projects, Regional Collaboration, Connecticut Intelligence Center, Chemical Biological Radiological, Nuclear Event Detection and Response, Metropolitan Medical Response System, Citizen Corp Program, Medical and Preparation and Response Cyber Security, and \$65,000 for the Regional Bomb Squad. Selectman Ziobro made the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Granby may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that James M. Hayden, as First Selectman of Town of East Granby, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Granby and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:13pm to discuss Personnel Matters and On-going Litigation. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 7:27pm. No votes were taken.
9. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski