



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 12, 2020
Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday February 12, 2020 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None

3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Economic Development Coordinator Posting, BOF 5-Year Model, January General Government Financials, Suffield Farm Seized Animals, Spoonville Stop Sign, Granbrook Park Baseball Field, October 2019 Grand List, Governor Proposed FY21 State Budget Adjustments Impact on East Granby, Stop & Shop Community Bag Program, Comptroller Lembo Monthly Report, Aquarion PFAS Sampling Results, FT Building Official Posting, Resident Email Commending Police Officer, U.S. Census Boundary Validation Program, CCM Prescription Program Statistics, Farmington River/Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Committee, McLean Meals-on-Wheels Thank You, Community Renewal Team East Granby Report, Board of Assessment Appeals Hearing, Center Cemetery Update, COST Legislative Update & Gambling Revenue Review, Coalition Letter in Support of Modernizing Connecticut’s Bottle Bill, MDC Response to Member Towns Price Increase, Audit Extension Request, Veteran’s Memorial Sidewalk on Town Green, Pesticide Regulation Municipal Preemption, COST Memo on Gaming Proposals, COST Draft MS-4 Response

4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the January 21, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the January 22, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

b. **School Town Building Committee Update** – First Selectman Hayden stated Allgrove roof is complete and is in the process of being closed out with the State of Connecticut and the East Granby Board of Education. The Middle School/High School roof is substantially complete with only “punch list” items remaining. The Public Safety Building is complete with the exception of punch list and minor fascia items. The new fascia will be painted when weather allows. The Town’s Building Supervisor Ray Carlson is working with Consultant Roger LaFleur to wrap things up.

6. NEW BUSINESS –

a. **Economic Development Report** – First Selectman Hayden discussed the flat 2019 Grand List. All of the Selectmen agreed that the Town needs to continue to encourage and market economic development in town on a consistent basis similar to what was accomplished with the Connecticut Economic Resources Center (CERC) shared services position last year. Unfortunately, due to CERC staff turnover, the program ended at the end of November. The Economic Development Officer position has been posted and advertised. It is anticipated that the position will be filled by March. The Board discussed what this position tasks will be and that the plan is to increase the presence or “boots on the ground” from seven hours weekly to 14 hours weekly. This position will work with land owners, real estate brokers and other professionals to match potential development to available acreage or existing buildings. Going forward, Economic Development will be added under Old Business on future BOS Agenda’s. First Selectman Hayden also mentioned that an existing manufacturer in town is planning a \$4,000,000 addition with \$6-8,000,000 worth of equipment and an additional 40 jobs. The Town is facilitating this by working with the manufacturer, the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and CERC.

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

c. **MIRA Trash Authority Statement of Interest** – The Materials and Innovation Resource Authority (MIRA) has been directed by the Connecticut State Legislature to redevelop a replacement strategy for the antiquated Waste Energy Plant located in the South Meadows of Hartford. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) awarded the request for proposal to Sacyr Rooney. Sacyr Rooney and MIRA are proposing a 30-year solution to trash disposal by replacing the existing trash to energy plant with a modern facility costing \$330,000,000. To pay for the project, the projected tip fee would be \$145 a ton and towns would have to commit to participate for 30-years. The current tipping fee is \$83 per ton and will be increased to \$91 a ton as of July 1, 2020. MIRA has sent a non-binding questionnaire to the participating towns to measure their interest in participating in a project as described. The tipping fee includes the cost of recycling.

Selectman Ziobro made a motion for East Granby not to participate in the trash program as described. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved** – Hayden and Ziobro in favor. Doering opposed.

d. FY2021 “First Pass” Budget Review – First Selectman Hayden handed out a first draft of the FY21 General Government budget and stated the direction from the Board of Finance is to submit a budget with a 2% annual increase. The BOS will work on the budget at their regularly scheduled February 26th and March 11th meetings and they will hold a Special Budget Meeting on March 4, 2020.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident Paul Calebaugh asked what effect would be on the Town FY21 Budget if the BOE portion of the annual audit is not complete by the end of February. First Selectman Hayden responded that failure to complete the audit in February would not affect the FY21 budget and he did not anticipate any further audit extensions would be needed by the BOE. Mr. Calebaugh also inquired about what the expectation is regarding the audit. First Selectman Hayden replied that it is expected that the BOE will have a surplus which will be returned to the general fund. Mr. Calebaugh also commented on the Spoonville stop sign and the process for the Vineyard application now before Planning and Zoning. First Selectman Hayden suggested that he contact the Planning & Zoning Commission with any concerns.

Fire Chief Kerry Flaherty extended an invitation to the Board of Selectman to attend the Fire Fighter graduation ceremony on May 11th for those graduating in the officer-training program. Chief Flaherty mentioned he would like the Board of Selectmen to develop a town ordinance for cost recovery in relation to the Fire Department responses to incidences involving hazardous material clean up and the cost effect on those services that are rendered by the Fire Department. Chief Flaherty expressed his appreciation for the painting of the Public Safety building by the Department of Public Works and suggested more space be allocated to the chief’s office which includes space for the officers. The Chief also discussed what he saw as cost drivers for the upcoming Fire Department budget.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:53pm to discuss Personnel Matters and On-going Litigation. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously**. The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 8:10pm. No votes were taken.

9. ADJOURN – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski