



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 26, 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 26, 2020 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – MIRA Final Distribution of Mid-Connecticut Project Funds, Congressional Delegation Transportation & Infrastructure Breakfast, Senior Community Center Before & After Pictures, Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Opportunity, Resident Composting Suggestion, Connecticut Water Straight from the Tap Mailer, Austin Brook, Stone road and Route 187 Additional Signage by DOT, BOE PA 13-60 Report, East Granby Land Trust Meeting, Proposed Partnership 2.0 Rate Change, Kayak Race, Grand List/Top Ten Taxpayers, Tax Collector’s January Report, Senator Murphy’s Liaison Meeting
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the February 12, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Tax Incentives** – No new information.
 - b. **School Town Building Committee Update** – First Selectman Hayden said that the Allgrove Roof Project is still in the process of being closed out with the State. We are waiting for appropriate weather conditions to allow painting of the fascia at the Public Safety Building. The MS/HS Roof “punch list” will be reviewed by our consultant, Roger LaFleur next week. The 2020 paving list is being prepared.
 - c. **Economic Development Report** – The First Selectman discussed the information which he presented to the Economic Development Commission at their January 23rd

meeting. He is looking to work with EDC members to develop goals and to discuss opportunities that can happen in town including desirable businesses to target, capital needs for a potential Village Center and a grand list growth rate goal.

Currently, the Town has not received any applications for the vacant fourteen-hour Economic Development Officer position. The Community Development Director has reached out to professional organizations, consultants, posted new information on several websites and will advertise the position in the February 27th edition of the Hartford Courant. First Selectman Hayden also reviewed the East Granby Development Activities Report and noted that Signs Plus is moving over to the vacant Northwest Community Bank on School Street. They have received their special exception from Planning and Zoning to add 2500 square feet of warehouse/manufacturing space and to add two apartments on the second floor. The Cumberland Farms application has been approved and they have worked out issues with CTDOT which will allow them to move forward. Pride is working on their retaining wall at their site in anticipation of building a gas station there this year. Advance Connecticut, which used to be CERC, has continued to assist the Town as we work with a local manufacturer who has been given the corporate go ahead to add a thirty thousand square foot addition to their building. This could be a twelve million-dollar project when including construction and equipment.

- d. **FY2021 “First Pass” Budget Review** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed the draft BOS FY21 budget and provided narrative to the board. The budget reflects the direction from the Board of Finance (BOF), which was to present a budget reflecting a 2.0% increase over the current fiscal year.

The town continues to work with surrounding communities for shared services to help keep costs down. The Town shares Youth Services programming/counseling, Fire Dispatch services with Granby, and Animal Control Officer and Suffield. Ambulance Services are provided by the Granby Ambulance Association. The Board of Selectmen will have a Special Budget Workshop meeting on Wednesday March 4, 2020, which First Selectman Hayden will provide more detail on some of the line items that were mentioned during this meeting. The BOS also will review future Fire Department operating budget requirements. At the next regular scheduled meeting on March 11th, the Board of Selectman will make any last changes before presenting the budget to the Board of Finance on March 17th.

6. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- a. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. **Appointments** – Selectman Doering made a motion to appoint Josette Lumbruno to the Youth Services Commission and to reappoint Kevin Deneen as the Town’s Labor Attorney and Derek Donnelly as the Town Attorney. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:52pm to discuss Personnel Matters and Pending Litigation. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 9:06 pm. No votes were taken.
9. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion at 9:07 pm to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski