



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021  
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING– 6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday February 10, 2021 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**– COVID Update, Grand List Information, Eversource 1768 Project Resident Concerns, Larch Drive Zoom Meeting, Treasurer Report, January Police Blotter, Rally for Retail & Restaurants, COVID-19 Vaccine Information, FY20 Annual Report, Farmington Valley Health District Assessment,
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro reviewed the January 13, 2021 amendment to the minutes and requested an additional change to 6 b Economic Development Report. He asked that it read after the first sentence: “The new zone prohibits the development of a 1.2 million square foot distribution center on the 130-acre parcel. Selectman Ziobro said that his comment does not mean that he is not in favor of the change”. Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the January 27, 2021 minutes as amended. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden mentioned the RFP for the Allgrove Air Conditioning project has been pushed back due to weather.
  - b. **Economic Development Report** –Planning and Zoning (P&Z) approved the apartment concept plan on Nicholson Drive, and will review the proposed apartments on School Street at their next meeting. Future P&Z plans also include potentially changing the zoning on the 35-acre property on Seymour Road.
  - c. **Tax Incentives** – No new information.
  - d. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** –No new information.

- e. **Long-Term Recovery Committee Report (LTRC)** – Selectman Doering mentioned that the next meeting of the LTRC will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The committee has compiled the responses to the survey questions that were available in the latest edition of Let us Talk Turkey. Residents can still mail their responses into the committee. The committee is also looking for 2 or 3 additional volunteers.
- f. **Public Safety Dispatch Agreement** – First Selectman Hayden mentioned that fire and ambulance emergency services for the town of East Granby are dispatched through the Granby Police Department. The EG Volunteer Fire Department (EGVFD) has recommended that the town switch its fire dispatch provider to Tolland County (TN). TN offers additional technology and services that are not available from the current provider. Selectman Ziobro expressed a concern with the distance between TN’s call center and the town. He said that he would have preferred a town closer to East Granby. First Selectman Hayden said that new technology resolves the distance concerns and being next door does not guarantee that the dispatcher is familiar with the town. Chief Flaherty mentioned that California has three call centers for the entire state. He also said that TN was the best solution for the town. Selectman Doering stated it was alarming to hear of some problems that the EGVFD has faced with dispatch communications and is in favor of moving forward. The Board of Selectman decided to have a Hearing on Thursday February 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm to inform residents about changing providers. The Hearing will be followed by a Special Meeting of the BOS where they will consider and act upon changing providers.
- g. **FY22 Budget** – Board of Finance asked for a budget presentation of 2.5% for both the General Government and the Board of Education.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Appointments** – Selectman Doering made a motion to appoint Nicole Sokolowski to the Parks & Recreation Commission, Paul Calebaugh to the Long-Term Recovery Committee, and Todd Zessin to the Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the Tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**– Resident Betsy Tomolonis commented that she is interested to hear how Public Safety Dispatch works today and how it will work in the future.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**– Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:11pm to discuss Personnel Issues and Land Negotiations. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectmen exited Executive Session at 7:29 pm. No votes were taken.

**9. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doring. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Sokolowski