



**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES
FEBRUARY 18, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A Virtual Informational Hearing regarding a Proposal to Change Fire Dispatch Providers was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2021. First Selectman James Hayden called the virtual hearing to order at 6:34 pm. Selectman Doering, Selectman Ziobro and twenty-three other virtual participants attended the hearing via ZOOM. Please note that there was a typographical error on the Virtual Hearing Agenda. The correct date for the hearing is February 18, 2021 not February 18, 2020.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE FIRE DISPATCH PROVIDERS** – First Selectman Hayden thanked East Granby Fire Chief Flaherty, East Granby Assistant Chief Wolf, Connecticut Air National Guard Chief Cross, and East Granby Fire Marshall Beliveau for being members of the sub-committee that studied Fire Dispatch options for East Granby. He also said that there would be a presentation by Chief Flaherty and by Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Executive Director Tyler Millix and Operations Director Douglas Racicot. After the presentations there will be an opportunity for residents to make comments.

First Selectman Hayden summarized the current path for 911 landline and cellular calls by Granby Dispatch and the proposed path by Tolland County (TN). The change would be transparent to residents. Chief Flaherty spoke to a technical analysis of Granby base and TN, the current and future financial arrangement, proposed FY21 cost savings, and a discussion of Public Safety Answering Points pending legislation and shared services. Tolland County (TN) Executive Director Millix and TN Operations Director provided an operational and administrative overview which included TN facts, statistics, staffing levels, administrative team, technologies, and services.

3. **COMMENTS** – There were not any questions or comments from the public. Selectman Ziobro asked TN to describe how a cell call is answered, to describe the twenty-six towers that TN uses for communications coverage and if any equipment changes would be necessary by the town. Director Millix answered the questions and said that the town would not have to purchase or acquire any new equipment. First selectman Hayden said he was in favor of the change and stated that he appreciated the sub-committees in-depth research and evaluation. Selectman Doering thanked the sub-committee and the firefighters for all that they do for the town.

4. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn the Hearing at 7:10 pm. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,
First Selectman James M. Hayden