



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 24, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting – 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday February 24, 2021 at the Town Hall. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Selectman Doering was present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – January General Government Financials, Updated Paycheck Protection Program, Regulatory Mandates on Municipalities, CAA HB-6426, CCM Analysis of FY22 State Budget, FY20 Annual Town Report, Solar Map from CT Green Bank, January Treasurer Report
4. **MINUTES**
 - a. Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the February 10, 2021 Board of Selectmen minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
 - b. Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the February 18, 2021 Dispatch Hearing minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
 - c. Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the February 18, 2021 Board of Selectmen minutes as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden mentioned that the Building Committee will be reviewing the Allgrove Air Conditioning RFP on March 4th. Eversource anticipates completion of the Allgrove electric service upgrade this Spring.
 - b. **Economic Development Report** – Planning and Zoning approved the 120 units of apartments on 13 Nicholson Rd. First Selectman Hayden mentioned that he

anticipates that later this year the BOS will consider and act upon a planned capital expenditure for a Village Center Study that will create a “road map” for the future of the Village Center. A 36-unit Apartment proposal for School Street was continued to the Planning and Zoning March meeting. In April, P&Z has planned a Public Hearing to consider the present temporary sign regulations. A change is contemplated to specifically assist small businesses with ways to increase their business. Rally for Retail and Restaurants is a program to gain publicity for businesses in East Granby, and to encourage people to shop locally. A winner is picked every Monday until April 26th and receives a \$40 Visa Card.

- c. **Tax Incentives** – No new information.
- d. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – No new information.
- e. **Long-Term Recovery Committee Report (LTRC)** – Selectman Doering, who is also chair of the LTRC committee, stated that the LTRC is reviewing surveys that they solicited through Let’s Talk Turkey where residents discuss the social and financial effects of the pandemic. After the initial review of the surveys, seniors are complimentary of services being received from Senior and Social Services especially regarding scheduling vaccinations. Concerns such as food and financial insecurity along with social isolation will be discussed at March 1st LTRC meeting. First Selectman Hayden mentioned that the Governor’s Executive Orders expire on April 19th. As a result, it appears that the town budget process will go back to the traditional Town Meeting and Referendum format. Barring any unforeseen change by the Governor and Legislature, restrictions on in-person committee and commission meetings will be lifted after April 19th.
- f. **FY22 Budget** – First Selectmen Hayden reviewed about half of the “first pass” FY22 department budget numbers. He spoke to the funding levels that may be needed to maintain services at the current level. He stated that there will be more detail and information coming for the March 3rd BOS meeting. The BOS will meet on March 10th to finalize a preliminary budget to bring before the Board of Finance on March 16th.

Selectman Doering made a motion to add **6(c) East Granby Fire Department of the Future Committee** to the agenda. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. **CT Mural Project** – CT Murals is partnering with 39 communities across Connecticut to create a mural for each year of Martin Luther King, Jr’s life by January 17, 2022. 15 towns including Windsor and Suffield are planning to participate. Each high-quality public mural will represent the messages, images, and

symbols that Martin Luther King, Jr stood for. CT Murals works with national artists in collaboration with local artists to create high quality murals. When projects are approved by Sustainable CT, they will provide grant funding for half the projected cost of the project, or \$7,500 out of a \$15,000 budget for each mural. The participating community would be responsible to raise the remaining amount through private donations. CT Murals states that the series represents a symbol for greater equality and positive times ahead. CT Murals also states that the state-wide benefits of the project include a \$585,000 investment directly into the hands of local artists, along with community education on racial equity. First Selectman Hayden said that he was going to reach out to the East Granby community to see if there were volunteers interested in assisting and raising funds for a local project.

- c. **East Granby Fire Department of the Future Committee** – First Selectman Hayden stated that he thought that the BOS should create a study committee comprised of fire department consultants, members of the EGVFD, BOS, BOF, and the community to evaluate and report back to the town with recommendations of what the East Granby Fire Department of the future should look like. Selectman Doering made a motion to create the East Granby Fire Department Study Committee. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:53pm to discuss Personnel issues. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectmen exited Executive Session at 8:03pm. No votes were taken.

9. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Doering made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski