



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 28, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting– 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at the Town Hall. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – March Financials, LIONS Memorial Day Parade, COST Car Tax, COST Executive Orders, Hartford Foundation
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the April 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the April 23, 2021 Special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden listed the following roads that the town anticipates will be paved this year: Newgate Road, School Street, High Farm Road, Aspen Rise, Cobblestone Road, Pennywhistle, Tunbridge Road, Heather Lane, Cricket Lane, Huckleberry Drive, Pleasant View Drive, Longview Drive, Ridge Blvd, and Alderman. The town is averaging 5+ miles every paving season. This is the third paving season of the 5-year plan to pave 22 miles of road. To date, 50% of the roads have been completed and the project is on budget. The First Selectman also mentioned that a recent evaluation of town roads added 5 additional miles of “poor” roads to the list. Those roads will be addressed with state Municipal Grants-in-Aid funding. Selectman Ziobro asked if the Tower Power project will be completed during or after Newgate Road was completed. First Selectman Hayden answered that drainage will be completed as soon as possible, but the paving of Newgate Road won’t be finished until Eversource doesn’t need to cross the road anymore with their heavy equipment.

First Selectman Hayden also said that the electrical upgrade at Allgrove was completed during April school vacation by Eversource. AC/Electrical project costs have been lower than projected and the project is on target to be completed by August 1st. Selectman Ziobro asked if costs of the roads projects have risen substantially, or still on budget, and when do the prices for blacktop change. The First Selectman will get more information for next meeting. Selectman Doering expressed how well the Allgrove and roads projects have been managed and thanked all those involved.

- b. Economic Development Report** – The W.H. Wilson Company has applied to revise the Special Exception granted for East Granby Meadows, a forty-seven unit Planned Unit Development off East Street. Original and subsequent approvals had been for one, two or three bedroom units. The revision asks to be allowed to build just three-bedroom units. First Selectman Hayden asked about the potential impact on school enrollments. Selectman Doering said that he was pleased to see that the Planning and Zoning Commission made the Temporary Sign Regulations less restrictive for businesses in town. First Selectman Hayden spoke about the Bradley Regional Chamber of Commerce and that they are an active chamber serving the towns of East Granby and Windsor Locks.
- c. Tax Incentives** – No new information.
- d. Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – No new information.
- e. General Government FY22 Budget** – The Public Hearing on the annual budget was held on April 20th and was followed by the Town Meeting on April 27th. The Board of Finance presented a spending plan that anticipates a potential 2% tax increase. Budget information is available on the town website. The Town Meeting was adjourned without a vote and the in-person budget referendum will be held on Tuesday May 11th at the Senior Community Center from 6 am to 8 pm. If the referendum is approved by the townspeople, the BOF will meet after the vote and set the FY22 tax rate.
- f. Long-Term Recovery Committee Report** – Selectman Doering mentioned attending a presentation on the Emergency Broadband Program which will assist residents with internet access and discount offers.
- g. WPCA** – First Selectman Hayden is compiling information and will have specifics at the May 12th virtual meeting of the WPCA which will be held at 6 pm.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. Appointments and Resignations** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to appoint Roxanne Derlinga as a full member to the Commission of Aging effective 5/6/2021, and to accept the resignation of Jennifer Decouteau from the Commission of Aging

effective 5/6/2021 and thank them for their service. Seconded by Selectman Doering.
Motion Approved Unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. ADJOURN – Selectman Doering made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski