



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday September 8, 2021

Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the East Granby Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Selectman Doering and Selectwomen Wimpfheimer were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – AdvanceCT 2021 Town Profiles, Moody’s Rating Scale, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation/Bradley Air National Guard Base, Farmington Valley Collaborative Meeting, Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant, Veterans Ceremony, Municipal Election List of Nominees, High intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK), June & July Police Blotter, Veterans Stand Down, Town Provided Services to School District,
4. **MINUTES** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to accept the August 25, 2021, minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden stated the Air Conditioning Project at Allgrove School is complete. The Building Committee is waiting for State and Federal approvals for the Floydville Bridge Scour Plan and due to the timing, it will be completed next year. Road paving continues with Pond Lane and Old County Highway completed. A total of twenty streets have been paved this year. Drainage work continues on Newgate Road and the road will be paved next month which will conclude this year’s paving projects.
 - b. **Economic Development Report** – The Economic Development Commission is working with a Commercial Broker on a couple properties to see if they can facilitate additional economic development. At their last meeting of the Economic Development Commission, the Director of Community Development gave a brief update on the withdrawal of a Regulation and Zone Change for Lot 44 on Seymour Rd to Commerce Park Transitional Zone B. The Planning and Zoning Committee is

expected to conduct a neighborhood meeting and land use workshop in the Fall prior to going forward with any regulation changes. The Village Center Plan is scheduled to go out for RFP (Request for Proposal) for design services in the Fall of 2021.

- c. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – No new information.
- d. **“Draft” Tax Incentive Report from Economic Development Officers and Director** – The Town Attorney drafting a Tax Incentive Ordinance which the BOS would bring to a Town Meeting in October or early November.
- e. **Long-Term Recovery Committee Report** – The Committee continues to work on recommendations to the BOS. Selectman Doering, who is chair of the Committee, mentioned the Senior and Social Services Directors attended their last meeting and will continue to communicate about the needs of the Community.
- f. **American Rescue Plan Protocols and Controls** – First Selectman Hayden explained that the Town received \$760,593 in June 2021 and will receive \$760,593 in June 2022 for a total of \$1,521,186 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Projects must be funded and approved by 2024 and completed by 2026. Eligible ARPA items are those that support public health response, address negative economic impacts, investment in water and sewer, broadband infrastructure for underserved households and businesses, and replace loss of revenue. In-eligible items are paying down unfunded pension liabilities, paying interest or principal on outstanding debt, cannot be used to reduce taxes or increase the “rainy day” fund, and cannot be used retroactively for infrastructure projects. First Selectman Hayden’s recommendation is that the draft protocols, as reviewed by the BOS, be shared with the Board of Finance at their September meeting. The consensus of the BOS was that the First Selectmen should draft a memo describing the protocols to the BOF
- g. **5-year Capital Plan** – The First Selectman reviewed the entire 5-year plan, identifying changes from previous iterations and new items to the plan. He also discussed three fall capital items (\$70,000 for Police Body and Vehicle Cameras, \$30,000 for Fire Engine 2 body and electrical modification and \$11,000 for carpet replacement at the Senior Community Center) that the BOS are considering for an October Town Meeting. As part of the overall capital process, the Fire Department submitted an updated 5-year plan for consideration by the BOS. The First Selectman mentioned that the town is in the process of publishing an RFP to plan for the needs of the Volunteer Fire Department of the future. He suggested that any potential new fire capital items be “tabled” until the study is completed. The First Selectman reviewed the proposed capital plan line by line for each fiscal year. Some new items that are being considered include funding for the 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development, athletic field development at East Granby Farms, fire turnout gear, replacement generators, police, and public works vehicles amongst other items. Selectman Doering made a motion to approve the 5-Year Plan as presented. Seconded by Selectwomen Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

h. Wildlife Crossing – No new information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider and Act Upon Proposed Capital Items –

Selectwomen Wimpfheimer made a motion to submit to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting action the approval of a sum not to exceed \$30,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for Fire Engine 2 body and electric modifications. Any unexpended funds will be returned to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Selectman Doering made a motion to submit to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting action the approval of a sum not to exceed \$11,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for carpet replacement at the Senior Community Center. Any unexpended funds will be returned to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. Seconded by Selectwomen Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Selectwomen Wimpfheimer made a motion to submit to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting action the approval of a sum not to exceed \$70,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for approval of Car and Body Cameras for the Police Department. Any unexpended funds will be returned to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Fire Chief Flaherty mentioned that the June Town Meeting authorized funding to purchase and equip a used rescue truck. The vehicle was purchased and is being rehabbed per the plan. The Fire Department should receive the rehabbed vehicle at the end of the month.
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:54pm to discuss negotiations for the property off Floydville Road and Personnel Matters. Seconded by Selectwomen Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 8:30pm. No votes were taken.
- 9. ADJOURN** – Selectwomen Wimpfheimer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski