



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday October 13, 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 Selectwoman Wimpfheimer were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – West Hartford ARPA Fund Uses, COA Senior Center Improvements List, LOTCIP 2022 RFP, Farmington Valley Health District COVID Reports, Youth Car Theft in CT, ERASE Grant, Tax Collector Report, September Tax Collector Report
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss ongoing negotiations for the property off of 145 Floydville Road, the Police MOA on Additional Legal Coverages and Personnel Matters (if needed). Town Attorney Derek Donnelly was invited to the Executive Session. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 6:47 pm. The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 7:20 pm. No votes were taken.
5. **MINUTES** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the September 22, 2021 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectwoman Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden reported on the 5-year road paving project that's part of the Road and Roof Bonding Project which was approved by the town in 2019. Since the project inception in 2019, 52 roads for a total of 18.14 miles have been paved. In 2019, 18 roads for 5.94 miles were completed. In 2020 19 roads for 5.83 miles were completed and in 2021 there were 15 roads for 6.37 miles completed. The Building Committee is waiting for State and Federal environmental approval for the Scour Project at Floydville Bridge. The Air Conditioning Project at Allgrove was completed in August prior to the fall opening of the school year.

- b. **Economic Development Report** – At their September meeting, the Economic Development Commission provided comments and suggestions to the BOS regarding the draft incentive ordinance.
- c. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – tabled.
- d. **Long-Term Recovery Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden discussed an East Windsor ARPA grant that East Granby may want to consider. The East Windsor Emergency Relief and Stabilization Effort (E.R.A.S.E.) grant used ARPA funds to fund awards of up to \$10,000 for small businesses and non-profit organizations located in East Windsor that were impacted by COVID-19. Selectman Doering asked if East Granby could do a similar program and mentioned the impact of cold weather on restaurants outside seating capacity in the near future and corresponding impact on their revenues. First Selectman Hayden will research options for the BOS to consider. Selectman Doering asked if there was any further discussion regarding mental health support for those impacted by COVID. First Selectman Hayden has asked a behavioral health provider for a proposal on what supports for isolated residents that they can provide.
- e. **Consider and Act Upon Commercial Incentive Draft Ordinance** – First Selectman Hayden discussed the intended purpose of the proposed business incentive program which is to attract new businesses to East Granby, promote expansion of existing businesses, and to encourage rehabilitation and reuse of vacant commercial and industrial buildings. The goal is to provide jobs for residents and to create long term tax base growth of “real property”. The BOS has received feedback from the Town Attorney and the Economic Development Commission. The next step is to finalize the incentive language. There also was discussion regarding whether individual projects can be approved by the BOS or if it would go to town meeting for each tax abatement. It is anticipated that the BOS will vote on the proposed Tax and Business Incentive Program Ordinance at their next meeting. If the ordinance is approved by the BOS, it would then go to town meeting for its consideration in mid-November
- f. **Wildlife Crossing** – Tabled

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectwomen Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. **Consider and Act Upon a Grant Memorandum of Agreement with Homeland Security and Blanket Resolution** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion authorizing First Selectman Hayden to apply for and to execute an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Services regarding any and all documents deemed necessary or appropriate for the FY2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Award Program (EMQ-2021-SS-00086). Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- c. Consider and Act Upon Draft Ordinance for Hiring Outside Consultants –**
Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the East Granby Ordinances are hereby amended to include the following “Ordinance for Hiring Outside Consultants”.

A. Purpose: The purpose of this article is to establish the authority of certain land use boards and commissions, pursuant to C.G.S. 8-1c, to pass through the cost of engaging outside engineering and consulting services in connection with a technically complex application and beyond the expertise of the town resources.

B. Additional Costs for Certain Applications: Upon the filing of an application to Planning and Zoning or Wetlands Commission, the Director of Community Development, or his/her designee, shall make a determination whether one or more outside consultant(s) are needed to analyze, review and report on areas requiring technical review in order to assist the Commission. Such consultant(s) may include, but shall not be limited to, engineers, surveyors, soil scientists, traffic consultants and information technologists. If such determination is made, the Director shall assess the reasonable costs for such consultant(s) to the applicant based upon a preliminary estimate from the consultant(s). The Director shall collect 150 percent of the estimate from the applicant, which amount shall be held in escrow until the technical review(s) are completed. Any excess amount collected over the actual cost(s) shall be refunded to the applicant. This payment shall be considered as an integral component of the application. The failure by the applicant to make this payment shall render the application incomplete.

C. Fee in Addition to Other Charges: Any fees or charges imposed pursuant to this article will be in addition to any other application fee imposed under any other ordinance or local regulation.

Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- d. Consider and Act Upon Property off Floydville Road –** The Town Attorney is finalizing the proposed agreement with the resident.
- e. Consider and Act Upon Police MOA on Additional Legal Coverage’s –**
Selectmen Doering made the following motion authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the East Granby Police Union regarding additional legal coverage for East Granby Police Officers:

Memorandum of Agreement

1. The Town of East Granby (the “Town”) and UPSEU/COPS the East Granby Police, (the “Union”) are parties to a valid a collective bargaining agreement which expires June 30, 2023, hereby agree as follows:
2. The Town and the Union have met and discussed the Unions need to provide additional legal coverages for officers in the bargaining unit.

3. The Town agrees that beginning October 1, 2021, it will provide reimbursement for each officer up to a maximum of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) per officer each fiscal year for the purchase of said policy coverage.
4. The Union agrees it is the individual officer's responsibility to provide the town the proof of purchase of said policy coverages. The officer must submit their request and proof of purchase of the policy on or before November 1 each fiscal year until expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement, June 30, 2023, or within sixty (60) days of new employment. The town will reimburse the officer within thirty (30) days of submission.
5. The parties agree that the type of coverage and company in which it is purchased from is at the sole discretion of the officer purchasing it.

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Seconded by Selectwomen Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Selectwomen Wimpfheimer made a motion to add **7(f) Appointments** to the Agenda. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- f. **Appointments** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the resignation of Rosalie McKenney of the Park and Recreation Commission and to thank her for her 25 years of service to the Commission and to appoint Marc Dlugolenski as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission and to re-appoint Jonathan Ciottone and Erin Russell to the Youth Services Commission. Seconded by Selectwoman Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not needed.

10. ADJOURN – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski