



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 23, 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 Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 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** – Resident Paul Calebaugh congratulated Selectwoman Wimpfheimer on her swearing in by the Town Clerk. First Selectman Hayden commented that even though Selectwoman Wimpfheimer was sworn in on November 23, 2021, per Town Ordinance, her term as First Selectwoman commences on Monday January 3, 2022. Mr. Calebaugh commented on his previous request for a “blind driveway” sign near 152 Turkey Hills Road and/or a speed limit change on Route 20. First Selectman Hayden will resubmit Mr. Calebaugh’s request to the State DOT who have turned it down. Mr. Calebaugh also commented on a State abandoned road that accesses Route 20 near 151 Turkey Hills Road. He would like to see the State or Town take over maintenance of the abandoned road. First Selectman Hayden mentioned he would contact DOT to get more information and that it was State and not Town property. Mr. Calebaugh also inquired about the process for a potential petition that he would send to the State regarding the abandoned access road. He provided a draft copy of a proposed petition to the BOS as new correspondence.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Prescription Drug Savings Program, Youth Services Report, Cell Coverage Mapping, Allgrove Nature Trail, School District Veteran Recognition Program on November 10th, Waverly Road Street Sign email, Resident Proposed Petition on State abandoned road off of Route 20.
4. **MINUTES** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to accept the November 10, 2021, minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – First Selectman Hayden mentioned that road paving and the Floydville Bridge Scour Project will start back up in the spring of 2022.

- b. **Economic Development Report** – The Economic Development Commission (EDC) continues to work on the proposed Business Incentive Ordinance that was previously approved by the Board of Selectmen and is anticipated to go to Town Meeting on December 7, 2021. The Village Center Plan is scheduled to go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) in the winter.
 - c. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – No new information.
 - d. **Long-Term Recovery Committee Report** – No new information.
 - e. **Consider and Act Upon Property off Floydville Road** – No new information.
 - f. **Wildlife Crossing** – No new information.
6. **NEW BUSINESS** –
- a. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectwoman Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
 - b. **Consider and Act Upon the Proposed Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) Municipal Services Agreement (MSA) Amendment** – In the original Municipal Services Agreement (MSA) there was a municipal “opt out” provision that was “triggered” if the tipping fee exceeded a certain amount per ton. MIRA is proposing an amendment to the MSA which modifies the “opt out” policy. First Selectman Hayden has reached out to the Town Attorney to see if the amended MSA can be approved by the BOS or if it requires approval at Town Meeting.
 - c. **2022 Board of Selectmen Draft Meeting Schedule** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to accept the 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
 - d. **Consider and Act Upon American Rescue Plan Hybrid Meeting Room Proposal**– First Selectman Hayden provided a narrative and reviewed a quote to purchase and install the hardware, software, and operating systems necessary to hold hybrid public meetings at two locations (Town Hall and Senior Community Center). Selectman Doering made a motion to authorize the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds to create hybrid meeting rooms as presented for a total of \$20,352.00. Seconded by Selectwoman Wimpfheimer. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
 - e. **Appointments** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to appoint Art Reardon to the Youth Services Commission. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

f. Set Town Meeting Call for December 7, 2021

Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made the following motion:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Granby, Connecticut will be held at the East Granby Senior/Community Center, East Granby, Connecticut, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:30 pm for the following purposes:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$30,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for Engine 2 body and electric modification as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Any unexpended funds are to be returned to the Capital Fund.
3. To consider and act upon the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$70,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for police body and car cameras as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Any unexpended funds are to be returned to the Capital Fund.
4. To consider and act up on the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$11,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for Senior Center carpet replacement as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Any unexpended funds are to be returned to the Capital Fund.
5. To consider and act upon a resolution to create Chapter 255 of the East Granby Town Ordinances to add Article IX, Tax and Business Incentive Program.
6. To consider and act upon a resolution to create Chapter 153 of the East Granby Town Ordinances to add Article III, Outside Consultants: Hiring and Fees.
7. To consider and act upon a resolution to create Chapter 198 of the East Granby Town Ordinances to add Cannabis, Article I, Prohibition of Use on Town Property.

Dated in East Granby Connecticut this 23rd day of November 2021

James M. Hayden, First Selectman
Joe Doering, Selectman
Eden Wimpfheimer, Selectwoman
Christine Gallagher, Town Clerk

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

First Selectman Hayden commented that the next item on the agenda was Executive Session followed by Public Comment. He said that rather than make a resident wait for thirty minutes before the BOS came back in public session, he suggested that the agenda order be modified to allow public comment to occur prior to Executive Session. The consensus of the BOS was to do so.

Selectman Doering exited the meeting at 7:13 pm.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:13pm to discuss staffing and personnel matters. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously**. The Board of Selectmen exited Executive Session at 7:30 pm. No votes were taken.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –Resident Paul Calebaugh commented about MIRA cost of services and Town RFP options. First Selectman Hayden stated that in 2013, the Town signed a Municipal Service Agreement with MIRA to dispose of East Granby’s Municipal Solid Waste (household trash) and recycling. Mr. Calebaugh also commented on the Planning and Zoning public hearing on a proposed land use regulation change to ban retail sale and cultivation of marijuana in East Granby. Mr. Calebaugh said he would prefer a referendum be held. First Selectman Hayden said that land use regulations are within the authority of the Planning and Zoning Commission. First Selectman Hayden will reach out to the Town Attorney for additional clarification.

9. **ADJOURN** – Selectwoman Wimpfheimer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by First Selectman Hayden. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski