



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN HYBRID MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday September 27, 2023**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room – 6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday September 27, 2023 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectwoman Wimpfheimer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Selectman Hall and Selectman Oliva were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– None
3. **CORRESPONDENCE** – FVHD Flu Clinic; Aerospace Alley Fair
4. **MINUTES** – Selectman Hall made a motion to accept the September 13, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Oliva. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – No new information.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Juvenile Review Board Membership** – First Selectwoman Wimpfheimer discussed a request for the addition of 3 members to the JRB, back to its original size of 11 members. This increase will allow more members to be available to attend hearings etc. Selectman Hall made a motion to increase the membership. Seconded by Selectman Oliva. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**b. Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy Resolution** – Selectman Hall made the following motion:

WHEREAS, The Highlands region, encompasses more than three million acres of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands region is an area of national significance, possessing substantial natural beauty, containing contiguous forest and productive farmland,

numerous cultural and historic sites, plentiful recreation opportunities, and the protection and supply of important drinking water sources for over fifteen million people; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, in bipartisanship, passed the Highlands Conservation Act. Public Law 10-421 that was signed into law by the President of the United States on November 30, 2004, designating the Highlands as a significant national conservation priority region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Conservation Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages a voluntary grant program to assist Highlands States, local units of government, and private forest and farm landowners in the conservation of land and natural resources in the Highlands region in coordination with the willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, land preservation efforts in the Highlands region should link the parks, historic sites, wetlands, wildlife habitats, streams, rivers, reservoirs, watershed, trails, scenic and natural lands and other protected area unique to the region top the region for the enjoyment of future generations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen supports being officially included in the federal Highlands boundary, as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Highlands Conservation Act grant program, thereby qualifying for financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. Congress.

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

**c. Homeland Security Grant Program Resolution** – Selectman Oliva made the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Granby may enter into with and deliver to the **State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security** any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Eden Wimpfheimer, as First Selectman of Town of East Granby, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Granby and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

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

**d. Tax Refunds** – Selectman Hall made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Oliva. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

**e. America 250** – On July 4, 2026 the United States of America will mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Secretary of State is inviting cities and towns across the state to make meaning of this anniversary in their own way, with inspiration from Business owners, Economic Development leaders Commissions, etc. to work together and create commemorative activities that resonate in our community.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**8. ADJOURN** – Selectman Hall made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Oliva. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 6:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Sokolowski