Let's Talk Turkey

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FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Welcome to the Annual Budget Edition of "Let's Talk Turkey." Over the past fiscal year, we have seen steady improvement in our overall statewide economy, but the ripple effects of past inflation are still certainly being felt at home. We remain committed to carefully managing expenses and finding smart savings wherever possible to keep our budget strong.

East Granby has begun to show clear signs of economic growth, from an uptick in issued building permits, confirming what we have known along—our town is growing because people see opportunity, safety, and a great quality of life here—to a steady rise in new businesses opening their doors and existing businesses expanding. Our community is attracting investment, creating jobs, and offering more services and opportunities to residents.

As we finalize our budget proposal, I wish to take a moment to thank you for your continued engagement, support, and trust in our shared future. Budget season is not just about numbers—it is about values, priorities, and planning for a community where everyone can thrive. This year, we have approached the budget with a spirit of transparency, collaboration, and optimism. Our goal is to ensure every dollar we invest reflects the needs and aspirations of our residents, from public safety and infrastructure to education, green spaces, and economic opportunity. Together we will build a stronger, more vibrant East Granby which honors our past, meets today's challenges, and prepares for the future with confidence.

Provided below are the next steps as we move the budget into the final approval phases:

BUDGET HEARING: Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center

BUDGET INFORMATION: In addition to this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" you may click on the www.eastgranbyct.org home page under "Town News" for more information. You may also call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 413-3301 or for Board of Education information you may call (860) 653-6488 or visit www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us. To provide budget feedback directly to the BOF you may email them at: boardofinance@egtownhall.com.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The Board of Finance will meet immediately after the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 23rd and decide on the budget, which will be taken to the Town Budget Meeting for taxpayer consideration.
- The Town Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center.
- A Machine Ballot Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at the Senior/Community Center.

Respectfully,
Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

EAST GRANBY'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Covering the Period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

The Board of Finance anticipates that it will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Town Budget at the Senior/Community Center on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. This is an opportunity for you to learn about and comment on next year's spending plans and revenues. All residents and taxpayers are encouraged to attend. The Board of Finance presentation will be posted along with the meeting agenda a few days prior to the hearing.

Projected Revenues for 2025-2026

Proposed Revenues	Budget 2024-25	Projected 2024-25	Anticipated 2025-26	Percent Change*	% of Total Revenue
Property Tax Collections	$23,070,126	$23,248,736	$24,330,408	4.7%	85.9%
State Grants	2,667,519	2,667,590	2,781,205	4.3%	9.8%
- Education	1,624,016	1,624,087	2,086,479	28.5%	7.4%
- Non-Education	1,043,503	1,043,503	657,991	-36.9%	2.3%
Town (Fees, Interest, and Non-Property Tax)	509,486	966,241	667,289	-30.9%	2.4%
Use of General Fund Balance	1,255,599	842,854	529,189	-37.21%	1.9%
Total Revenue	**$27,502,730**	**$27,725,422**	**$28,308,091**	**2.10%**	**100.0%**

*Based on a comparison of the Current 2024-25 Projection to the 2025-26 Anticipated.

The Budget 2024-25 column shows the estimates used in last year's budget presentation, while the Projected 2025-26 column is based on year-to-date experience and expected future revenues. **Property Tax Collections** include the taxes we pay on our houses and cars, plus past-due taxes, interest, and liens. **State Grants** depend on state action each year. The Board of Finance is basing their revenue projections for next year on the Governor's proposed state budget for 2025-2026, which at this writing is the only comprehensive proposal available. **Other Town Revenue** includes fees for Town services (e.g. building permits, charges for activities) and interest on invested funds. Estimates are based on tax calculations, past experience and input from the revenue generating departments. **Use of the General Fund Balance** is the amount of the prior year end unallocated cash balance used to offset the need for additional revenue.

Proposed Spending

The proposed budget provides for total Town spending of $28,308,091 to be funded from general revenues including property taxes.

Proposed Expenditures	Budget 2024-25	Projected 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Percent Change**	% of Expenditure
Board of Education	$20,090,000	$20,090,000	$20,923,500	4.15%	73.91%
General Government	5,608,000	5,608,000	5,865,600	4.59%	20.72%
Debt Repayments	1,204,730	1,188,764	1,168,991	-1.66%	4.13%
Capital Reserve Fund	600,000	600,000	350,000	-41.67%	1.24%
Prior Year Charges Paid This Year	---	238,658	---	---	---
Total	**$27,502,730**	**$27,725,422**	**$28,308,091**	**2.10%**	**100.0%**

**Comparing the 2024-25 Approved Budget to the Proposed 2025-26 Budget.

Education and **General Government** budgets are described in more detail elsewhere in this issue.

Debt Service is the payment of interest and principal on the Town's borrowing. The Town borrows money to finance projects that are too big to be paid for from Operating or Capital funds. The current Town debt includes the LED Lighting Project payable through FY 2026, the elementary school project payable through FY 2027 (renovations at Allgrove School and renovation and expansion of Seymour School), and the "Roofs and Roads" infrastructure project approved by voters in February 2019 payable through FY 2041.

Capital Reserve Fund is an amount set aside to cover major, non-recurring purchases and maintenance of the Town's infrastructure; it is the Town's savings account. Before any money is spent from the Capital Reserve Fund it must be approved at a Town Meeting called for that purpose.

Prior Year Charges Paid This Year are charges budgeted in a previous fiscal year that are paid in the current year. Because they were included in the prior year's budget, they do not directly affect the current year but are listed here since they impact the year end cash balance.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Sewer Costs

Currently there is some uncertainty around future sewer system operating costs. A separate Town Sewer Fund exists to pay for all sewer operating costs including billing from the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for processing sewage. There is also a separate Sewer Reserve Fund which exists to pay for one-time costs such as repairs and replacements. Both funds are funded by sewer usage collections and managed by the East Granby Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). East Granby's Board of Selectmen also serve as the WPCA by ordinance. The WPCA sets rates, bills customers, and pays bills issued by MDC. Last year, MDC restated charges going back to FY 2023 based on revised estimated bills that resulted in a ballooning of the amount owed. The Town believes the amounts are too high, has reached out to MDC, and are engaged in gathering data to support that claim. This includes having placed new meters at some locations. MDC has granted some rate relief going forward but requires six months of data in order to revise past charges. Early meter reads support the Town's claim, and we hope and expect some rate reversal.

There is a deficit of nearly $1.4M in the Sewer Fund as of this writing. By some counts it could grow to $1.9M before resolved. If sufficient relief does not come from MDC as expected, it's possible the Town could be called upon to support reducing some or all of that deficit. If so, a separate hearing and Town Meeting would be held with specific information that will enable the Town's taxpayers to make an informed vote on the matter. If needed, this would not happen until several months from now, after the data gathering discussed above.

As of this publication the Board of Finance has a draft policy under review by members, Town Attorney, and Auditor that intends to bring more oversight to the Sewer and Sewer Reserve fund planning and spending.

Impact on Taxes

The Board of Finance typically sets the mill rate after a budget passes. To fund proposed 2025-26 spending—and based on currently projected state grants—the Board of Finance anticipates increasing both the Property Tax Rate and the Motor Vehicle Tax Rate by 2.35% from 29.8 mills to 30.5 mills.

THE BUDGET PROCESS

The Board of Finance

The Board of Finance is responsible for East Granby's short- and long-term financial health. As such, the Board must balance the diverse needs and interests of all citizens with the resources available to meet those needs. The process of determining a budget is lengthy and requires compromise among all served. At the completion of the Board's deliberations members arrive at a budget recommendation that they feel best serves the needs of our town. The proposed 2025-26 budget is the result of these deliberations and is presented to the Town with the endorsement of a majority of the Board.

Putting Together a Budget

During the winter the Boards of Finance, Selectmen, and Education begin to formulate a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget contains several parts: The Selectmen oversee the General Government operating budget, which includes all Town activities other than the schools, and the Board of Education is responsible for the school budget. The Board of Finance calculates the amount required to pay principal and interest on the money that the Town has borrowed for major projects and allocates funds for capital purchase and infrastructure maintenance through the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Finance also estimates anticipated revenue for the year from Town taxes and fees, the state, and other sources and provides direction to the Boards of Selectmen and Education for the operating budgets to be presented at the Public Hearing. The process culminates at the Public Hearing where the boards present their proposed spending plans and gather taxpayer comments about the proposals. After the Hearing, the Board of Finance determines the budget to be presented for a Town Vote.

State Action

State action affects the Town's budget through provision of grant funds for education, payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for state owned property in the community, real estate conveyance tax sharing, and other programs and indirectly through mandates that state law requires but does not fund.

In February, the Governor proposed a biennial state budget that covers the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years. Because it's the only definitive set of state figures available now, the Board of Finance has used the grant amounts in the Governor's proposed biennial budget in the proposed Town budget. These amounts are equal to or a little more than the state budget as approved last year, particularly the Education Grants. East Granby receives funds through some but not all the state grant programs. If the state subsequently cuts programs that we depend on, the impact may or may not be sizable, depending on whether the programs are ones we count on.

Federal Grants

There is significant uncertainty with respect to the federal government keeping its promises of federal funding. The Boards of Selectmen, Education, and Finance watch this closely. At this time there is no specific impact to the budget anticipated.

NEXT STEPS

We encourage you to attend the Public Hearing on April 23rd. Also feel free to email comments to us at BoardofFinanace@egtownhall.com. After the hearing, the Board of Finance will develop a final budget for presentation at a Town Meeting on May 7th for approval. In past years the Board of Selectmen at their discretion has deferred to a machine vote at a date to be determined.

A LOOK AT YOUR FY2026 PROPOSED GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

We are pleased to share the proposed General Government budget for Fiscal Year 2026, totaling $5,865,600. This budget has been carefully developed, with attention paid to aligning positions, line items, and expenses within the appropriate departments. Additionally, a $100,000 adjustment from the Capital Budget to the Proposed Operational Budget was necessary due to a minimum requirement policy change by the Board of Finance.

Recognizing the increasing cost of goods and services, this year's proposed General Government budget reflects a modest 2.81% increase over last year, in addition to the $100,000 transfer. Importantly, General Government operations account for 20.7% of the total Town expenditures.

This 20.7% investment directly supports the services you rely on daily: your Fire and Police Departments, the Department of Public Works which maintains our infrastructure, vital Social, Youth, and Senior Services, the Recycling Center (RCC), our Parks and Recreation facilities, responsible Building and Land Use management, Building Maintenance, the resources of the Library Association, Emergency Operations preparedness, and the smooth functioning of Town Hall.

The exceptional compliance of our residents, coupled with the dedicated efforts of our Tax Office, has resulted in exceeding budgeted tax revenue with a collection rate slightly over 99.0%. This success allowed us to prudently increase the budgeted collection rate by 0.5%, providing significant tax relief of $121,077, or 0.16 mills, to our taxpayers.

East Granby's economic vitality is evident in the fact our Grand List actually increased 2.09% despite new state legislation which presented challenges for many towns.

To ensure we are providing services efficiently and cost-effectively, East Granby actively participates in shared service agreements, including the Farmington Valley Health District and the Tobacco Valley Probate Court. We also partner with Granby for Youth Services, rely on the Granby Ambulance Association for emergency care, utilize Tolland County Dispatch for fire services, and share an Animal Control Officer with Suffield.

YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT TEAM CONSISTS OF:

Elected Officials:

First Selectwoman – Eden Wimpfheimer
Selectman – Steven Hall
Selectperson – Amanda Thompson

Department Heads:

Animal Control Officer – Ryan Selig
Assessor – Donna Murphy
Building Official – Mark Goderre
DPW Supervisor – Edward Hubbard
Executive Assistant – Nicole Sokolowski
Library Director – Monique Gerken
Finance Director – Lisa Madden
Fire Chief – Kerry Flaherty
Fire Marshal / Emergency Services – Kenneth Beliveau
Planning Department – Robin Newton
Public Building Supervisor – Ray Carlson
Resident State Trooper – Kyle Demetrion
Social Services Director – Elise Cosker
Tax Collector – Heidi Tucker-Dillon
Town Clerk – Christine Gallagher
Treasurer & Senior Services Director – Kelly Jacobs
Youth Services Program Supervisor & Parks & Recreation Director – Alicia Van Neil

These people take great pride in making East Granby a better place for all to enjoy!

For more information, please contact the Selectman's Office at (860) 413-3301 or www.eastgranbyct.org.

Budget Year: FY26
Date: April 10, 2025
Account Name: Cost Center Summary

Description	Budget FY24	Budget FY25	FY26
Selectmen	$220,145	$210,512	$169,594
Registrars	$72,051	$66,571	$69,129
Board of Finance	$32,398	$33,565	$29,200
Finance Department	$0	$0	$91,577
Assessors	$156,478	$159,873	$162,813
Board of Appeals	$150	$225	$150
Tax Collector	$113,422	$91,010	$98,095
Treasurer	$36,051	$37,096	$45,045
Town Clerk	$136,223	$141,320	$146,357
Planning & Zoning	$70,738	$64,195	$64,963
Data Services	$125,290	$133,290	$125,646
Public Buildings	$190,904	$225,571	$248,847
Building Inspector	$149,301	$154,166	$155,335
Engineering	$15,000	$18,000	$18,000
Fire Department	$128,691	$220,958	$238,531
Police Department	$704,031	$792,856	$895,113
Fire Marshall	$95,892	$107,715	$107,966
Public Works	$841,853	$902,910	$984,612
Social Services	$28,460	$39,450	$40,889
Library	$227,041	$233,852	$239,698
Park & Recreation	$126,919	$139,785	$123,736
Zoning Board of Appeals	$0	$550	$550
Conservation Commission	$0	$400	$400
Economic Development	$49,000	$14,600	$19,100
Street Lighting	$41,800	$43,000	$39,000
Recycle Collection Center (RCC)	$209,707	$168,565	$104,077
Senior Services	$46,804	$54,463	$56,675
Senior Services Mini Bus	$28,856	$27,331	$28,298
Youth Services	$41,416	$27,882	$28,635
Utilities	$179,500	$176,312	$162,700
Ambulance	$68,207	$73,000	$53,000
Contingency	$30,900	$43,306	$45,000
Facilities Maintenance	$60,265	$61,621	$63,935
Probate	$2,500	$2,600	$2,000
Audit	$26,000	$27,800	$0
Legal Fees	$20,000	$22,500	$22,500
Health Services	$42,377	$45,000	$43,000
Insurance / Benefit Fees	$882,086	$795,342	$870,125
Animal Control	$26,000	$30,000	$26,000
Payroll Taxes	$185,625	$194,809	$218,440
Memberships	$22,835	$26,000	$26,871
Grand Total	**$5,434,916**	**$5,608,001**	**$5,865,600**

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET MESSAGE

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
—Benjamin Franklin

On Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at their regular meeting, the East Granby Board of Finance (BOF) directed the East Granby Board of Education to prepare and present a budget increase of $833,500 (4.1%) at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center.

The 2025-2026 Board of Finance Directed 4.1% Budget

The 2024-2025 Board of Education Budget is $20,090,000. The Board of Finance provided the Board of Education with a directive of a 4.1% increase, or an additional $833,500.

The 4.1% increase in the budget reflects:

current level of instructional staff and programs;

current class sizes;

compliance with contractual obligations of the Administrative, Certified, and Non-Certified unions;

revising our bus routes from six to seven;

two contract negotiations;

funding of Chromebook refresh;

retirement salary savings;

net reduction for excess cost;

a 1.6% increase in Group Health/Dental (currently in negotiation);

budgeted increase at 4.6% for insurances which include: Property, Liability, Workers Comp, Crime, and Cyber;

adjustments for utilities and plant maintenance including Water, Rubbish Removal & Recycling, Contracted Maintenance, Telephones and Internet, Electricity, and Plant Equipment;

50% of the salary/cost for one School Resource Officer.

We appreciate the resources the Town allocates to provide high quality instruction and a variety of experiences for our student population. We are extremely proud of the sustained excellence of the school system that continues to be the cornerstone of East Granby. It is not uncommon to hear that new residents have waited to purchase a home in East Granby because of the school system and the favorable aspects of living in a small town. Nor is it uncommon for graduates to return to East Granby to raise their own families. We continue to evolve with programs and partnerships to ensure that our students graduate from the East Granby Public School District with meaningful experiences and coursework. It is important to note that all budget line items are based on current enrollment and do not reflect any possible increase in students due to new building projects.

The East Granby Public School Administration and Board of Education have been good stewards of the community funding for education, averaging a 2.85% increase for the past nine years. Additionally, we have returned over $780,000 in unexpended funds and sought grants to reduce the cost of items in both the operating and capital budgets. A 4.1% budget still reflects approximately $750,000 of staff salaries charged to various grants.

East Granby Public Schools Accolades

Below are some recent accolades to highlight:

- EGHS student participated in the prestigious CT Senate Page Program interning in Washington, D.C.
- 2024 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student Recipient
- EGHS student recognized as a Daughters of the American Revolution Citizen
- Daughters of the American Revolution essay competition winner – 3rd yr. in a row (2022-24)
- College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition Award 2024 recipients
- 2 recipients of Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Award
- 2 recipients of CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete Award
- EGHS has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a U.S. News Best High School for the past 9 years (2016-2024)
- EGMS Silver Badge – U.S. News & World Report as a 2024 Best Middle School
- R.D. Seymour School – U.S. News Best Elementary School 2021
- R.D. Seymour School of Distinction for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2022-2023
- UCONN Writers' Contest 2023 – Gold/published in nonfiction and Silver in Poetry
- UCONN Letters about Literature Contest 2023 – First Place overall winner and several Silver Award Winners
- CT Music Educators Association Regional High School Festival performers
- CMEA Northern Regional Music Festival – choral members and band members
- 2022 Excellence in Community Engagement Award – Connecticut Land Conservation Council
- The Young Writer's Publication contest – 9 students selected for publication
- Invention Convention 2022 – two students invited to participate in the US Nationals
- EGMS finished in 3rd place at the Kids Lit Quiz Event 2023
- East Granby Public Library Juried Art Show participants
- 2 students received the C.A.S. Middle School Scholar Leader Award for 2024
- EGMS Band and Chorus received gold rating at Fantastic Festival
- 2024 AP School Honor Roll – Silver Distinction
- EGHS student participated in the CT Invention Convention Program Finals and moved on to U.S. Nationals
- R.D. Seymour student chosen to represent CT at the Invention Convention Nationals in Michigan and was then selected to present his invention to television producers of the show Shark Tank

Giving Back to the Community

EGPS students exemplify good citizenship and have given back to the community in a variety of ways including:

- Labors of Love – provide winter clothing for those in need
- Food Drives to support the Friend to Friend Food Pantry
- PJs for A Cause – Benefiting CCMC
- Personal care item drive to support Friend to Friend Pantry
- Kids Heart Challenge
- 10th Annual Ski-a-thon for Make-A-Wish Foundation
- EGHS Choir Winter Performance at Bradley International Airport
- EGHS Choir performance at EG Community Tree Lighting Event
- EGHS Band Performance for Women's Club of EG at Winter Wonderland Event
- Bradley Airport Art Exhibit
- Annual Blood Drive for The Red Cross
- EGHS Band Performance in the EG Memorial Day Parade
- Veterans Day Celebrations honoring local veterans
- Biannual East Granby community concerts
- K-Cups for veterans at the Rocky Hill VA Hospital and Home
- EG Cares Day
- Teachers volunteer to read at the EG Public Library
- Annual Elementary Art Show
- Theme Days to raise funds to support local and national organizations

Additionally, we capitalize on opportunities to realize efficiencies in our operations including:

- Renegotiating new contracts with vendors, including healthcare;
- Pursuit of additional grant funding where eligible, including technology, professional development, safety, and facility upgrades;
- Participation in regional arrangements with the Education Resources Collaborative (ERC), Farmington Valley Diagnostic Center, and Capitol Region Education Council to take advantage of group purchasing for services and resources;
- Shared transportation for students participating in Vo-Ag, Vo-Technical programs, and special education;
- Collaborative Services with the Town of East Granby – Insurance (Property, Liability, and Workers' Comp), Trash Service, Electricity, and Diesel Fuel;
- Collaborative Services with other Public School Districts – Copier Lease, Special Transportation, Student Support Services Needs, Professional Learning, Parent Programs;
- Increased school safety measures shared with the Town;
- Partnerships with higher education to support the academic program and create educational experiences for students;
- Expanding early childhood and preschool autism programs to educate more children in-district through engaging and goal-oriented programming.

2025-2026 BUDGET DRIVERS

DRIVERS	26 Proposed Budget	25 Budget	Net Change	%
Certified Staff Salaries (1)	9,517,870	8,917,631	600,239	6.7%
Non-Certified Staff Salaries (2)	2,127,246	1,983,945	143,301	7.2%
Health Care Benefits	3,011,360	2,965,000	46,360	1.6%
Tuition & Funding for Alternative Education Programs (3)	1,269,561	1,228,750	40,811	3.3%
Transportation (4)	1,115,538	1,042,560	72,978	7.0%
Utilities & Fuel	857,542	805,050	52,492	6.5%
Student Support Professional Services (5)	696,500	557,000	139,500	25.0%
Subscriptions, books, supplies	493,713	554,563	(60,850)	-11.0%
All other budgeted items - See below	2,184,170	2,035,501	148,669	7.3%
TOTAL BUDGET before Excess Cost State Grant	**21,273,500**	**20,090,000**	**1,183,500**	**5.9%**
Projected Excess Cost from State Grant (6)	(350,000)		(350,000)	
TOTAL BUDGET after Excess Cost State Grant	**20,923,500**	**20,090,000**	**833,500**	**4.1%**

(1) This includes $400,000 being moved from grants into operating
(2) This includes two additional paraprofessionals; transferred from the consultant line item
(3) This includes special education placements, magnet schools and Agriscience
(4) This includes increasing our buses from 6 to 7
(5) This includes outside service providers for our students with special needs
(6) Excess Cost is expected to be approximately $350,000 to support students with extraordinary education needs.

2025-2026 ALL OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS - DETAIL

DRIVERS - ALL OTHER	26 Proposed Budget	25 Budget	Net Change	%
Employer Taxes, Unemployment	$ 426,530	435,000	(8,470)	-1.9%
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	$ 476,386	442,782	33,604	7.6%
Other Salaries, Stipends, Athletics, Curriculum	$ 317,000	316,400	600	0.2%
Substitutes (aligns more closely with actuals spent)	$ 250,000	185,000	65,000	35.1%
Legal Fees	$ 138,000	120,000	18,000	15.0%
Professional Services - (SR0 added in FY 26)	$ 147,250	112,500	34,750	30.9%
Insurance (property /liability /workers comp/crime/cyber)	$ 164,650	157,400	7,250	4.6%
Equipment	$ 120,601	102,469	18,132	17.7%
Professional Development	$ 82,635	99,000	(16,365)	-16.5%
Memberships and Special Programs	$ 34,142	34,091	51	0.1%
Travel, Conferences, Field Trips	$ 15,274	17,732	(2,458)	-13.9%
Other	$ 11,702	13,127	(1,425)	-10.9%
SUBTOTAL ALL OTHER BUDGETED ITEMS	**$ 2,184,170**	**2,035,501**	**148,669**	**7.3%**

The Board of Education will present the Board of Finance directed budget of 4.1% for 2025-26 at the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on April 23rd in the East Granby Senior/Community Center.

Public Comments may be sent to BoardofFinance@egtownhall.com. At the Town Meeting scheduled for May 7th at 7:00 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center, the Board of Selectmen will set the date and time for the referendum.

For additional 2025-2026 East Granby Board of Education Budget and financial information, please visit our website at: https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/documents/board-of-education/budget/729645.

VETERANS TAX EXEMPTIONS

You may be eligible for a real estate or motor vehicle tax exemption. There is no age restriction. There is no length of residency requirement. There is no need to contact the Veterans Administration. You only need to be a resident who is an honorably discharged veteran, and whose time of service includes a specific period of war or conflict. You only need to contact the Assessor's Office to find out if you are eligible. And you only need to file your original discharge papers in the Town Clerk's Office.

Have you misplaced your original discharge papers? The above offices can tell you how to acquire a replacement original online. It's very easy.

Have you tried before to get this exemption and were you told that your time of service did not fall within the specific war or conflict dates? Please contact us again as these dates have been expanded in recent years.

Plus…If you have a VA disability rating of 10% or more, you are eligible for a higher exemption. The amount of the disability exemption has just been increased by the State for all eligible veterans. You need to bring your VA rating document to the Assessor if you have not done so. If the Assessor already has your VA rating document on file, your increased exemption will happen automatically.

Lastly, veterans…This exemption has been created by Connecticut State Statutes. It is earned by honorable military service during a time of war or conflict. Do not assume you are ineligible to receive it. Please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852.

Guidelines for Submitting Articles

Please note that the deadline submission time is 9:00 AM on Monday. All articles must be submitted in Word format and sent via email to newsletter@egtownhall.com. Deadlines are strictly enforced to ensure timely preparation of the publication. Articles should pertain to an East Granby organization, agency, or business (non-advertisement) and be of general interest to the public. With the exception of Town Commissions and Boards, we will not accept submissions that are more than one page in size including pictures, objects, and text. At the discretion of the Editor, articles and graphics may be edited. The name of the submitter and a daytime phone number must accompany each article.

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