

**TOWN OF EAST GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2019**

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of East Granby, Connecticut was held in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

James M. Hayden, First Selectman, called the meeting to order and the Town Clerk read the warning.

Brad Wolfe was elected Moderator of the meeting.

The Moderator explained that only those registered voters in the Town of East Granby and any citizen 18 years or older who is liable to the town for taxes assessed against him/her either jointly or severally, based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the town, are entitled to vote at this meeting

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Town Meeting held on August 27, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the Special Town Meeting held on August 27, 2019 as prepared by the Town Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger and seconded to adopt the following RESOLUTION: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a sum not to exceed \$44,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to purchase emergency extraction equipment and accessories for the Fire Department as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Any unexpended funds are to be returned to the Capital Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Betty Ann Hayden and seconded to adopt the following RESOLUTION: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a sum not to exceed \$25,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to purchase and equip a Utility Vehicle (UTV) with brush fire equipment and transport accessories as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Any unexpended funds are to be returned to the Capital Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Joe Doering and seconded to waive the reading of the amended ordinance. Motion carried. Motion was made by Joe Doering to amend Chapter 255, Article VII of the East Granby Town ordinances to increase certain limits for tax abatement to first responders; RESOLVED: BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that the Town of East Granby adopt the proposed ordinance, AS PRESENTED. The Ordinance will now read as:

§ 255-15: Exemption benefit and schedule.
[Amended 10-25-2017]

Exemption of municipally levied real property and motor vehicle taxes ("property taxes") for which the eligible member or his/her legally married spouse may be liable shall be granted to eligible members of the EGFD and GAA on the October 1 of the year following their certification of eligibility, as defined in § 255-14 above, according to the following:

A. Maximum benefit. For the period commencing October 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, the maximum benefit under this section shall be \$1,500.00 for all eligible GAA members and be \$1,500.00 for eligible EGFD members who have attained Firefighter One certification and \$750.00 for all eligible persons not having attained Firefighter One certification. On or after July 1, 2021, the maximum benefit under this section shall be \$2,000.00 for all eligible GAA members and be \$2,000.00 for all eligible EGFD members who have attained Firefighter One certification and \$1,000.00 for all eligible persons not having attained Firefighter One certification.

B. Benefit schedule. An eligible member shall receive the maximum benefit, as defined above; provided, however, that no member will be entitled to an exemption of more than the total property taxes for which he or she is liable to the Town.

C. The amount listed above may be modified as described under §§ **255-17** and 225-20 below.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger and seconded to waive the reading of the amended ordinance. Motion carried. Motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger to amend Chapter 280, Article I of the East Granby Town ordinances to state affirmative obligations to Disabled Individuals; RESOLVED: BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that the Town of East Granby adopt the proposed ordinance, AS PRESENTED. The Ordinance will now read as:

§ 280-1: Enabling act adopted.

(A) The Town adopts Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

(B) Section A notwithstanding, the Town of East Granby has an affirmative duty to make reasonable accommodations to its zoning policies, practices or procedures, including the Town Zoning Regulations as set forth in § 280-2, for people with disabilities as defined by 42 U.S. Code § 12102 and as set forth in the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, specifically, 42 U.S.C. 3604(f)(3)(A) & (B), Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title II, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12131–12165, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and O.R.C. 4112.02(H) (18)(a) & (19).

Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest,
Christine Gallagher, Town Clerk

Received for record December 17, 2019
By Christine Gallagher, Town Clerk