

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING**

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**January 21, 2025**

Members Present: First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino  
Selectman Mark C. Neumann  
Selectman Frederick A. Moffa  
Selectman Kelly O. Rome – Via Zoom

Members Absent: Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple

Others Present: Mike Walsh, Town Manager  
Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk  
Zainab Zafar, Student Liaison

At 6:30 p.m. First Selectman, Mark H. Fiorentino called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06034.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino led members of the Board of Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2025**

Selectman Mark C. Neumann made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 6, 2025.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa at which time the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote (4/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

**B. Approval of Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2025**

Selectman Mark C. Neumann made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 13, 2025.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa at which time the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote (4/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

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**III. APPOINTMENTS**

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Democratic Town Committee and the Republican Town Committee have made recommendations to reappoint members to various boards and commissions.

Selectman Frederick A. Moffa made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution(s):

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby appoints/re-appoints the following members:

That Andrew Small (R) be appointed to the Conservation Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 12, 2026, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That James Szipszky (D) be appointed to the Conservation Commission for the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending January 12, 2026, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Valerie Eastwood (D) be appointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2026, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Lynn Guelzow (D) be appointed to the Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 10, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Laurel Farrer (U) be appointed to the Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 10, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Ellen Whitlow (R) be re-appointed to the Agricultural Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2029, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Sara Esthus (D) be re-appointed to the Agricultural Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2029, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Shirley Murtha (U) be re-appointed to the Agricultural Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2029, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Kimberly Becker (D) be re-appointed to the Commission on Aging for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Jean A. Donihee-Perron (D) be re-appointed to the Commission on Aging for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

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That Jennifer Jalbert (R) be appointed to the Commission on Aging for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Ellen Thomson (D) be re-appointed to the Commission on Aging for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Lynette M. Simpson (D) be re-appointed to the Commission on Aging for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That William Madsen (U) be appointed to the Conservation Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2029, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Kara R. Marshall (R) be appointed to the Conservation Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2029, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That James K. Caldwell (R) be re-appointed to the Development Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Kenneth O. Kuhl (R) be re-appointed to the Development Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Robert J. Rome (U) be re-appointed to the Development Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Fran Armentano (D) be appointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Anthony M. McGovern (U) be re-appointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Jared Barry (D) be appointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 11, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

The motion was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann which passed by a unanimous voice vote (4/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Kearns School Update**

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First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino reminded members of the Board of Selectmen that the Commission on Aging was scheduled to meet on January 22, 2025, to discuss the Kearns School developments and to come up with a list of their asks of a developer.

**V. TOWN MANAGER PROJECT UPDATE AND FINANCIALS**

Town Manager, Mike Walsh updated members of the Board of Selectmen regarding the radio project grant submission was completed and Marcus contracted was signed. Town Manager, Mike Walsh further noted that; acquisition of 229 Mountain Road is underway as we work towards a closing date, acquisition of 87 Simsbury Road was completed and the “Church” group is making a solid progress on a recommendation, continues working on a terms sheet for the Freshies property, the Plus One budget document was compiled and distributed, hired GZA for the Park Infrastructure Review/ Master Plan kickoff was on January 17<sup>th</sup>, and that recently the Town held a public presentation session on the Kearns Senior Housing concept. Further discussion took place.

Kimi Cheng, Finance Director addressed members of the Board of Selectmen regarding the December 2024 Budget Operations noting that the tax collection was higher than the prior year at 69% also noting that the expenditures were consistent with last fiscal year at 59% and that the Public Works Department overtime expense was \$36,547.59 due to rainstorms that caused wash outs and fallen trees in August. Kimi Cheng, Finance Director also noted that the Police Department’s overtime expense as of December 31, 2024, was \$95,433.38 due to the high school lockdowns, rifle training, and specific officers’ recertification. Further discussion took place.

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Selectman Frederick A. Moffa made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:49 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(4/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,

  
Scott A. Nolan  
Town Clerk

Received for Record January 22, 2025, at 10:38 AM  
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk