

TOWN OF GRANBY
THREE BOARD MEETING
Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, &
Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING

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January 21, 2025

Members Present: First Selectman Mark Fiorentino
Selectman Mark Neumann
Selectman Kelly Rome -Via Zoom
Selectman Frederick Moffa
Monica Logan, Board of Education, Chairperson
Cheri P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Donna Nolan, Board of Education
Heather Lombardo, Board of Education
Liz Barlow, Board of Education
Karen Richmond-Godard, Board of Education
Michael B. Guarco, Jr. Board of Finance, Chairperson
Jenny P. Emery, Board of Finance
Kevin F. Hobson, Board of Finance
William J. Kennedy, Board of Finance

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
Kimi Cheng, Finance Director
Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director
Amber Wyzik, Library Director – Via Zoom
Sandy Yost, Director of Human Services – Via Zoom
Jon Lambert, Information Technology
Abigail Kenyon, Director of Community Development – Via Zoom
Scott Sansom, Chief of Police
Krista Shaffer, Human Resources
Zainab Zafar, Student Liaison

At 7:03 p.m. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino called the Special Three Board meeting to order in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room per Chapter 4, Section 4-7 of the Granby Town Charter.

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

Selectman Mark C. Neumann led members in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Opening Remarks – Mark Fiorentino, First Selectman

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First Selectman Mark Fiorentino gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting and explained that it was important to hear from the administrative teams and for the three various boards to hear from each other.

III. Mark H. Fiorentino

1. Review of Plus-One Budget (Board of Selectmen) ¹

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino explained that the Town of Granby works within a budget process that includes a call for a “Plus-One Budget and that this budget requires that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education meet with the Board of Finance to review expenditure needs and fund balance expectations for the upcoming fiscal year. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino further explained that the Plus-One budget is a high-level view of big-ticket items such as contractual obligations, anticipated benefits and insurance costs, utilities, and other mandated expenses and that both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education Plus-One Budgets are presented to the Board of Finance at the “Three Board Meeting” held in mid-January. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino noted that the management team developed a Plus-One Budget that outlines budget expectations for salary and wages for employees, preliminary cost estimates for employee benefits, and items that are contractual in nature or that are deemed important to maintain operations adequately. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino further explained that the Plus-One Budget also addresses items that we believe are important to both maintaining service levels and addressing issues identified in our strategic goals and objectives which include regular full-time salaries, medical benefits, retirement benefits, general government items, capital funding, lease funding, debt service bonds, and other items. Further discussion took place.

IV. Monica Logan, Chairman

1. Review of the Plus-One Budget (Board of Education)²

Monica Logan, Chairman of the Board of Education gave a brief overview of the Board of Education budget and thanked Cheri P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools, along with members of the Board of Education for all of their hard work preparing the budget. Chairman Logan further noted that the proposed increase for the Board of Education was 5.67% which includes a school resource officer, expansion of In-District Special Education Programming, Replacing Tutors with a certified reading intervention teacher, additional grounds and maintaining personnel, unfunded mandates which

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include reading program, teacher evaluation plan, and athletics. Monica Logan, Chairman of the Board of Education further noted that 72% of the budget supports salaries & benefits which is an increase of 4.96% to meet the demand of the salary contract rates in FY25-26 noting there is a high demand for qualified teachers, along with U.S. inflation is up 2.7% impacting the cost of supplies and services. Monica Logan, Chairman of the Board of Education also explained that special education was up 1.82% going into more detail regarding the breakdown of students in the district, the B.E.A.R. transition academy costs analysis, and the small capital plan. Further discussion took place.

V. Michael Guarco, Chairman³

1. Board of Finance Comments

Michael Guarco, Chairman of the Board of Finance noted that for the past decade, the budget has continued to improve and that this opportunity allows the Board of Finance an early opportunity to get a sense of what is coming. Chairman Guarco explained the worksheet that was presented at last FY's budget time and noted that the current sheet shows a mill rate change. Chairman Guarco further explained that the Grand List was due at the end of January and what the Town of Granby can expect for revenue.

VI. Discussion and Items of Interest Concerning the 2025-26 Budget and Consideration of Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

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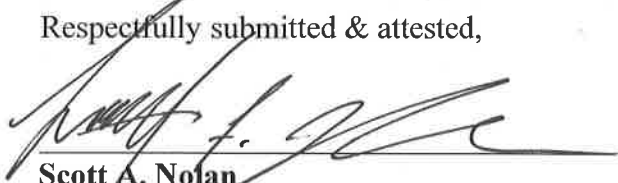
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VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the Special Three Board Meeting, Selectman Mark C. Neumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(4/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,


Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

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By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk