

**TOWN OF GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
April 7, 2025**

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PRESENT: Mark C. Neumann, Selectman Vice-Chairman, John E. Adams, Town Moderator

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ABSENT: Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman; Margaret Q. Chapple, Frederick A. Moffa, and Kelly O. Rome.

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Walsh, Town Manager, Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director, and Jen Espinal, Town Clerk.

PROCEDURE

Town Meeting Moderator, John E. Adams called the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Granby Senior Center & Youth Services Building, Community Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby Connecticut.

Pursuant to the Town of Granby Charter Sec. 11-3 (c) the Special Town Meeting was called to received citizens input and solicit feedback to amend Resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization to the Doherty Road Bridge.

The Town Moderator indicated that no vote would take place during the meeting, but rather the meeting would recess until the Referendum Vote which will be conducted at Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035, during the hours between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

PURPOSE

The Special Town Meeting is to allow all electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Granby, Connecticut (the "Town"), the opportunity to discuss but not to vote upon, an amendment to the resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization of \$13,716,000 for various bridge projects adopted on June 4, 2019 to expand the scope of such resolution to include the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of the bridge located on Doherty Road in the Town of Granby (the "Amendment").

A Bond Question will appear on the 2025 Budget Referendum Ballot for a "yes" or "no" vote on the following question:

Shall the Town of Granby amend the resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization of \$13,716,000 for various bridge projects adopted on June 4, 2019, to expand the scope of such resolution to include the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of the bridge located on Doherty Road in the Town of Granby?

The vote will be conducted at Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035, during the hours between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Town Meeting Moderator, John E. Adams, waived the Legal Call for the Town Meeting, and noted that a copy of the Resolution was available during the meeting, and that it was filed with the Town Clerk's office.

The Warning and Legal Notice, were properly noticed in the newspaper on April 3, 2025.

TOWN OF GRANBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN BOND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION OF \$13, 716, 000 FOR VARIOUS BRIDGE PROJECTS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE DOHERTY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2019, the Town of Granby, Connecticut (the "Town") approved an appropriation and bond authorization for various bridge projects (the "Bridges Project") in the amount of \$13,716,000 (the "Bridges Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, and on July 28, 2021, the Town issued a total of \$4,050,000 in bonds to fund the Bridges Project (the "Bond Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, due to unexpected lower costs and grant reimbursements from the State of Connecticut (the "State"), the Town had \$2,580,000 in surplus Bond Proceeds (the "Surplus"); and

WHEREAS, the Town authorized \$1 of the Surplus for school projects leaving \$ 1, 120,000 remaining in Surplus (the "Remaining Surplus"); and

WHEREAS, the Bridges Resolution did not contemplate or include costs related to the Doherty Road Bridge, but the Town now expects to incur costs to repair Doherty Road Bridge (the "Doherty Road Bridge Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to fund a portion of the costs of the Doherty Road Bridge Project with the Remaining Surplus and fund the balance of the costs with grant funds from the State and Town funds on hand; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Town seeks to expand the scope of the project description in the Bridges Resolution to include costs associated with the Doherty Road Bridge Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bridges Resolution is hereby amended to expand the scope of the Bridges Resolution to include costs associated with the Doherty Road Bridge Project (the "Amendment").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby recommends to the Board of Finance and to all persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town that it approve the Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Board of Finance approve the Amendment, a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on April 14, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Granby Senior Center & Youth Services Building, Community Room, 15C North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035 (the "Town Meeting"), to consider the Amendment approved by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting held on March 17, 2025, and the Board of Finance at its meeting to be held on March 24, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and the Charter of the Town hereby removes the item described above on the call of the Town Meeting to be held on April 14, 2025 for submission to the voters for vote by voting machine on April 21, 2025 by the voters entitled to vote at the Town Meeting during the hours from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. such referendum to be held at the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035 under the following heading:

Shall the Town of Granby amend the resolution authorizing an appropriation and bond authorization of \$13,716,000 for various bridge projects adopted on June 4, 2019 to expand the scope of such resolution to include the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of the bridge located on Doherty Road in the Town of Granby?

The moderator of the Town Meeting shall adjourn such meeting after reasonable discussion of such item and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the Town Meeting and order such vote by voting machine in accordance with this resolution, Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town Clerk, subject to the approval of a municipal attorney, to prepare and print a concise explanatory text and other printed materials concerning the question to be submitted to the voters at referendum on April 21, 2025 specifying the intent and purpose of the Amendment in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

No written comments were received.

Two residents, and two members of a board were present, interested in listening to the Resolution and proposals.

Public Works Director, Kirk Severance asked if anyone had questions, or if they would like to see photos of the proposal, none were presented.

Mr. Severance gave a timeline of the engineering, construction, and process of acquiring quotes, and expected cost to do the work.

Mike Walsh, Town Manager gave remarks on the Bond and how the funds are allocated.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, the Town Moderator, John E. Adams recessed the Special Town Meeting at 6:25 p.m. to be voted on the FY 2025-2026 Budget Referendum Ballot on Monday, April

21, 2025. Resolution shall, if approved by a majority voting thereon, become effective without adoption at a Town Meeting.

Absentee Ballots are available for in-person pick-up from the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours Monday- Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. until the close of business on Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Jen Espinal

Town Clerk

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By JEN ESPINAL, Town Clerk