



TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
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PRESENT: Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman, Frederick A. Moffa, Selectmen, Mark C. Neumann, Vice-Chairman; Margaret Q. Chapple, Kelly O. Rome. Zainab Zafar and Madeline Ayotte, Student Liaison.

PRESENT: Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager, Members of the Public, and Jen Espinal, Town Clerk.

REMOTE: Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance, Betsy Mazzota, Management Assistant, Krista Shaffer, Director of Human Resource, and Members of the Public.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino called the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Granby, Connecticut.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager.

2. MINUTES

2. I. Approval of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2025

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on August 18, 2025, with an edit on the vote numbers from (6-0-0) to (5-0-0) as entered by recording secretary.

3. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

3. I. Resignation of Zyed Ali Zafar- Board of Education

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY K. Rome, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to accept the resignation of Syed Ali Zafar (R) in the Town of Granby Board of Education effective August 23, 2025.

3. II. Appointment of Jessica Diglio Tsaptsinos- Board of Education

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Neumann, seconded by K. Rome the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to accept the Appointment of Jessica Diglio Tsaptsino (R) in the Town of Granby Board of Education effective September 2, 2025, to fill a vacancy until the next Municipal Election.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.I. Granby Parks Study 2025 by Sandy Yost, Director of Community Services

Over the past 6–8 months, the Town of Granby conducted a comprehensive park study in response to resident concerns raised in September 2024. The study aimed to assess current facilities and plan for future improvements at Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park.

GZA Geoenvironmental Inc. from Springfield, MA was selected to lead the study due to their experience and proximity. There was community engagement including site analysis, stakeholder interviews, a public survey (619 responses), and two community forums. GZA developed a phased approach to prioritize projects based on feasibility and public input and came up with a list of top recommendations.

The full recording with the recommendations can be found in the Board of Selectmen packet and the live recording.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5. I. Board and Town Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the School Resource Officer

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY F. Moffa, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the Board and Town Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the School Resource Officer as submitted with edits to the language “in accordance with the Collective Labor Bargaining Agreement.”

5. II. Police Department Axon Contract Consolidation – Cameras, Tasers, Storage, and Software.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Chapple, seconded by K. Rome, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the Axon Contract Consolidation and pricing as outlined in the memo dated August 22, 2025.

5. III. 2025 Personnel Rules Edits Approval

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the Town of Granby Personnel Rules as outlined in the memo and attachments.

6. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

6.I. Town Manager’s Departmental Monthly Activity Report, August 2025

Town Manager, M. Walsh, provided updates across various departments, highlighting a few key organizational updates on the administrative front, Capital Improvement plan, Emergency Preparedness, and community development. M. Walsh also recognized Stuart Young as the head of Public Works Operations.

The full report is available as part of the Board of Selectmen Packet.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (Mark Fiorentino)

First Selectman, M. Fiorentino, shared three key updates. First, he thanked Stuart, the Public Works team, and Sandy for resolving an issue at Salmon Brook Park, where the American flag was not being flown due to lack of lighting at night. A solar light was installed, allowing the flag to be properly displayed 24/7. Second, he reminded residents about Open Farm Day on Saturday, September 6, 2025, encouraging everyone to support local farms by purchasing their products.

Lastly, the Holcomb Hoedown was promoted which will take place on Sunday, September 7, noting that proceeds support the Fresh Access Program.

8. SELECTMEN REPORTS (Mark C. Neumann, Margaret Q. Chapple, Kelly O. Rome, Frederick A. Moffa; and Zainab Zafar and Madeline Ayotte, Student Liaison)

M. Neumann noted that Cosset Library is having their Makers fair, yet another venue to support Granby on Saturday, September 6, 2025.

Madeline Ayotte, Student Liaison, was introduced. Madeline expressed a strong interest in community involvement and being a voice for her peers. A brief update was given on the upcoming school events and sports. The boys' soccer starts September 4, girls' soccer on September 11, and girls' volleyball on September 9. Additionally, the girls' volleyball team will be holding their second annual line dancing fundraiser, tentatively scheduled around September 13.

Zainab Zafar, Student Liaison, provided an update on events happening, noting that on August 25, sixth grade and freshman orientations were held at Granby Middle and High Schools, with NHS volunteers, staff, and teachers guiding students through their schedules and answering questions. A special thanks was given to teachers who returned early on August 21 to prepare. The first day of school followed on August 26, marking a "last first day" for seniors and a milestone for juniors. Seniors celebrated with a Senior Sunrise event at 5 AM and decorated their parking spots the night before.

Looking ahead, the high school Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, giving students and parents the chance to meet their teachers.

9. PUBLIC SESSION

Curtis Johnson, 1 Fielding Woods Road, request was for clarity, safety assurance, and equitable treatment of sports programs.

Maureen Eberly, 37 Silkey Road, raised concerns about recent changes to employee benefits. It was recommended that the board carefully phase in costly consultant recommendations for the library, parks, and town center to avoid overburdening taxpayers. Eberly also highlighted the need to better educate residents on the capital improvement planning process and strongly supported a consistent police presence in schools and at student events to ensure safety.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

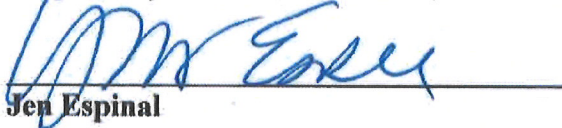
None

11. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION duly made by M. Neumann, seconded by M. Chapple, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

A full version of the Board of Selectmen meeting can be found at Granby Community Television <https://gctv16.org>.

Respectfully Recorded & Attested,



Jen Espinal

Town Clerk

Received for Record: September 8, 2025, at 3:36 P.M.

By Jini Ruscitti, Assistant Town Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Town Hall Meeting Room.