

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

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January 17, 2023

Members Present: First Selectman Mark Fiorentino
Selectman Mark Neumann
Selectman Kelly Rome
Selectman Margaret Chapple
Selectman Frederick Moffa
Sarah Thrall, Board of Education, Chairperson
Dr. Jordan E. Grossman, Superintendent of Schools
Anna Robbins, Board of Education, Business Manager
Rosemarie Weber, Board of Education
Kristina Gilton, Board of Education – Arrived at 7:04 p.m.
Monica Logan, Board of Education
David Peling, Board of Education
Donna Nolan, Board of Education
Michael B. Guarco, Jr. Board of Finance, Chairperson
Jenny P. Emery, Board of Finance
Kevin F. Hobson, Board of Finance
James C. Tsapsinos, Board of Finance– Arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Alfred G. Wilke, Board of Finance
William J. Kennedy, Board of Finance

Members Absent Whitney Sanzo, Board of Education
Charles Orluk, Board of Selectmen, Student Liaison

Others Present: Erica P. Robertson, Town Manager
Kimi Cheng, Finance Director
Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director
Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk

The Hon. Mark Fiorentino, First Selectman called the Special Three Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room per Chapter 4, Section 4-7 of the Granby Town Charter.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Opening Remarks – Mark Fiorentino, First Selectman

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.

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B. Mark Fiorentino, First Selectman

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

First Selectman Mark Fiorentino explained that for many years the Town of Granby has worked within a budget process that includes a call for a “Plus-One-Budget requiring all three boards to meet to review expenditure needs and fund balance expectations for the upcoming fiscal year. Town Manager, Erica P. Robertson indicated that the Board of Selectmen budget was a great starting point, however, some expenditures may slightly change due to things like gas prices. Town Manager, Erica P. Robertson also noted that electricity and utility rates were subject to change along with inflation rates. Further discussion took place.

C. Sarah Thrall, Chairman

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

Sarah Thrall, Chairman of the Board of Education gave a brief overview of the Board of Education budget and thanked Dr. Jordan E. Grossman, Superintendent of Schools and Anna Robbins, Board of Education, Business Manager along with members of Board of Education for all of their hard work preparing the budget. Chairman Thrall further noted that Transportation costs, Health & Benefits, Liability & Insurance, Fuel/ Oil & Natural Gas, and Contracted Services, Special Education, Net Additions & Reductions, and Retirement Savings line items were all seeing an increase in expenditures. Chairman Thrall also indicated that the projected increases in enrollment for FY2024 was 8 students and a 101 student decrease projected FY2024:FY2028. Further discussion took place.

D. Michael Guarco, Chairman

i. Board of Finance Comments

Michael Guarco, Chairman of the Board of Finance noted that for the past decade the Board of Finance has met mill-rate changes in the area of ~2% and that sooner or later he believes the mill-rate could be in the area of ~3% due to fuel prices and inflation. Chairman Guarco noted that the Board of Finance has not had an opportunity yet to meet to review each budget that was being submitted and that he would personally like to see a 1% reduction in expenditures.

Alfred G. Wilke, Board of Finance member inquired about whether or not that grand list had been completed. Answering questions from the Board of Finance, Town Manager Erica P. Robertson explained that the grand list has not yet been completed, however, the assessors office has been working on it diligently and that it should be completed in the next few weeks.

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**E. Discussion and Items of Interest Concerning the 2023-24 Budget and
Consideration of Public Comment**

i. Questions & Answers

William Regan (*62 Hungary Road*) inquired whether or not the town had the ability to go out and shop the market for various energy rates in order to help rising increasing.

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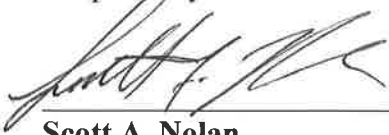
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F. ADJOURNMENT

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 7:39 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(5/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

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By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk