

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING**

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November 20, 2023

Members Present: First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino
 Selectman Mark C. Neumann
 Selectman Kelly O. Rome
 Selectman Frederick A. Moffa
 Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
 Kimi Cheng, Finance Director – Via Zoom
 Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director
 Sandy Yost, Director of Human Services

At 6:30 p.m. before the Call of the Board of Selectmen meeting The Hon. Mark H. Fiorentino administered the Oaths of Offices to the recently Elected Officials from the various Boards and Commissions as a result of the November 7, 2023, Electors Meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. First Selectman, Mark H. Fiorentino called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to in the Town Hall Meeting Room 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk led members of the Board of Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, First Selectman, Mark H. Fiorentino noted that the Board of Selectmen was not ready to discuss Item D. (Consideration of “Agreement Between the Granby Board of Education and the Granby Education Association dated July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027) as a few minor details had not been resolved yet.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby tables New Business Item V. D (Consideration of “Agreement Between the Granby Board of Education and the Granby Education Association dated July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027) until the December 4, 2023, Board of Selectmen meeting.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly O. Rome which passed by a unanimous voice vote (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of November 6, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly O. Rome which passed by a voice vote of **4** ayes (First Selectman Fiorentino, Selectmen Moffa, Neumann, and Rome) **0** nays, and **1** abstention (Selectman Chappel). **MOTION CARRIES**.

III. APPOINTMENTS

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that no recommendations had been received to take action on.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business took place.

V. BUSINESS

A. Presentation from CRCOG Executive Director Matt Hart

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino introduced Executive Director Matt Hart from the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) at which time Executive Director Matt Hart explained to members of the Board of Selectmen what role the Regional Council of Governments (COGS) plays. Executive Director Matt Hart further explained that COGS provides a geographic framework for municipalities to jointly address interests, and coordinate the delivery of federal, state, and local programs. Executive Director Matt Hart also noted that CRCOG's mission is to lead as a catalyst to enhance the quality of life, vibrancy, and vitality of the greater Hartford region and that CRCOG provides, planning, programs, and services, to its member municipalities and is the region's designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

CRCOG Executive Director Matt Hart further explained the CRCOG Committees including the Policy Board, Transportation Committee, Municipal Services Committee, Regional Planning Committee, and Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council. Executive Director Matt Hart also informed members of the Board of Selectmen about the Municipal Services that are offered by CRCOG including Planning & Development Form, Transit-oriented development, micromobility, and natural hazards mitigation planning among others.

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B. Presentation from the Granby Racial Reconciliation Group

Clark Pfaff and Ken Mouning from the Granby Racial Reconciliation Group presented to members of the Board of Selectmen that they were a local nonprofit organization with a mission committed to the ongoing work of racial reconciliation in and around Granby with the purpose of raising awareness and continuing the conversation on racial justice in our community so that Granby can be a great place for everyone. Clark Pfaff and Ken Mouning further went on to explain the structure of their organization which is comprised of subcommittees focused on faith leaders, editorials, education, Juneteenth, and an opportunity fund. Clark Pfaff and Ken Mouning further went on to give a recap of past events and indicated that the upcoming events schedule would be coming out soon and noted some of the challenges regarding organizing the event which includes weather, attendance, and funding. Clark Pfaff and Ken Mouning requested that the Granby Board of Selectmen consider contributing funds in the amount of \$2,000 to help fund the organization.

C. Consideration of Senior Services STEAP Grant Award and Resolution Adoption

Sandy Yost, Director of Human Services reminded members of the Board of Selectmen that the Senior Services department had been awarded a STEAP (Small-Town Economic Assistance Program) Grant from the State of Connecticut to be used for the Senior Center kitchen upgrade which is currently lacking adequate sanitation systems requiring the usage of single-service articles. Sandy Yost, Director of Human Services went on to indicate that the improvements would include a three-bay sanitation system, commercial grade dishwasher, stainless steel countertops, grease interceptor, and relocation of hand washing sink. Sandy Yost, Director of Human Services also explained that the STEAP Grant awards a total grant of \$126,800 and that additional funds of \$30,000 from the 2022 State ARPA Funding-Statewide Senior Center, and \$9,680 from the National Council on Aging Senior Center Vax grant require that no matching from municipal funds is anticipated.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the resolution confirming the Town of Granby is accepting financial assistance from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$126,800 to undertake the Senior Center kitchen renovations and authorizes the First Selectman to sign the resolution and all necessary documents.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple which passed by a unanimous voice vote (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

D. (Tabled) Consideration of "Agreement Between the Granby Board of Education and the Granby Education Association dated July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027"

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Pursuant to the foregoing motion, Item D was tabled until the December 4, 2023, Board of Selectmen meeting.

E. Consideration of Additional Appropriation from the Sewer Utility Fund for a new Sanitary Sewer Pump Station at the Salmon Brook Park

Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director, Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director and Kimi Cheng, Finance Director informed members of the Board of Selectmen that there is currently a sanitary sewer pump station in Salmon Brook Park that handles all waste from the restrooms in the park and pumps it to the main sewer line located in Salmon Brook Street and that this pump station needs replacement to address the inflow/infiltration of groundwater into the system and to address occasional overflow due to malfunctioning pumps and pump control equipment. Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director, Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director and Kimi Cheng, Finance Director also indicated that in October, the Town issued an invitation to bid for a new sanitary sewer pump station and that the work consists of abandoning the existing pump station, installing a new pump station and force main, installing a gravity sewer line, and installing electrical conduits and pump control systems. Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director, Abigail Kenyon, Community Development Director and Kimi Cheng, Finance Director further explained on November 3, 2023, two bids were received, and they are recommending the lowest bidder, Jason Roger LaChance to be selected to complete the project for a total cost of \$221,700.00.

Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen authorizes an additional appropriation from the Sewer Utility Fund in the amount of \$221, 700.00 for Jason Roger LaChance to install a new sanitary sewer pump station at Salmon Brook Park and \$22,300 as a contingency for the project if needed and forwards this request to the Board of Finance to approve.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a unanimous voice vote (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town Managers Report included the budget operation report for October 2023 and a reformatted ARPA report to match the lines up. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino noted that the next time the Board of Selectmen reviews the ARPA report it will include an amount not encumbered line to better capture the remaining funds.

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VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that a group of volunteers were working on funding and organizing various holiday celebrations including decorating the Town Center light posts, purchasing the Tree outside the Town Library and that there would be a lighting ceremony event on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. with some caroling and refreshments.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the next open house was scheduled for December 11, 2023, from 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Senior Center and that only two members from the Board of Selectmen would attend at one time.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS

Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple noted that the light posts on Route 10 were all lit up and looking spectacular.

Selectman Kelly O. Rome noted that she had an opportunity to attend the Stuff-a-Cruiser event at Stop n Shop last weekend and that the Granby Police Department was there interacting with the community and that residents were donating, and that the cruiser looked packed.

IX. PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Maureen Eberly (*Silkey Road*) read a letter from Michael Susick who works for MDC offering his assistance in reviewing the Salmon Brook Park Pump Station project and the letter was distributed to members of the Board of Selectmen.

Maier Reinhard (*138 Day Street*) addressed members of the Board of Selectmen regarding the total number of votes and the possible outcome of the November 7, 2023, municipal election and requested that they take a look at the data.

Robert James Flanagan Jr., (*Wood Cliff Drive*) addressed members of the Board of Selectmen regarding the pump station issue and that six months ago the pump station didn't seem to need that much work and inquired whose decision it was to redo the entire system and spoke in favor of Mr. Fusick joining the project review.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session took place.

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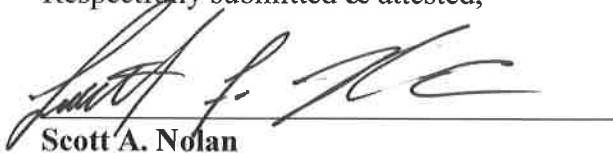
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:18 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(5/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

Received for Record November 22, 2023, at 10:01 AM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk