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TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
VIA ZOOM
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

III. MINUTES
   A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2020

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS
   A. Consideration of Town-Owned Land at 107 East Street
   B. Long-Term Recovery Committee

V. BUSINESS
   A. Resignations and Appointments
      Vacancies: Conservation Commission (2)
   B. Consideration of Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program
   C. Consideration of Amending Ordinance – Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Personnel
   D. Executive Session: Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute 1-200©(6)(b), the Board moves to go into Executive Session to discuss settlement of a claim. Town Manager John D. Ward and Administration Finance Officer Kimi Cheng and Director of Public Works Kirk Severance are invited to attend.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS
      (Glenn G. Ballard, Sally S. King, Mark C. Neumann, and Edward E. Ohannessian)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020.
TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2020
VIA ZOOM

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman B. Scott Kuhnly at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:  B. Scott Kuhnly, Glenn Ballard, Sally King, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian, John D. Ward, Town Manager

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no comments.

III. MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2020 as written.

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

None

V. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

Vacancies: Conservation Commission (2); Development (1)

Town Manager Ward noted there is a second vacancy on the Conservation Commission. There was a member who has not been attending and his appointment has expired. There is also a vacancy on the Development Commission.

B. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Transfer of Accounts

Administration is looking to transfer money from Contingency to Administration in the amount of $14,100. This is compensation for the Interim Community Development Director, Mr. Dominick Caruso, who filled in for Ms. Kenyon, while she was on leave.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Budget Operations

Mr. Ward noted this is the first month of the new fiscal year and currently 48% of collections have been received. The average for the same period over the past six years is a 47.7% collection rate. No state aid has been received as of yet for this period, but that is not unusual for July. In addition, expenditures are minimal. There were no questions from the Board.
Mr. Ward responded to a request from Mr. Ballard for background information regarding officers who work out-of-town or vice-versa. Mr. Ward explained that this is private duty pay. Contractors will hire officers for private jobs when necessary. The contractors are charged for the officer’s time, as well as an administration fee. The officers make time and a half. It costs the town nothing. Sometimes out-of-town officers fill in for private jobs as well.

VII. **FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS** (B. Scott Kuhnly)

No reports

VIII. **SELECTMAN REPORTS** (Sally King, Vice Chairman; Glenn Ballard, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian)

Selectman Ballard reported he did some analysis on Agbotic and gave a brief presentation on his findings. He feels if the sale goes forward, the town would not lose money and on paper, it looks like a great deal. In addition, the town has a problem with solid waste disposal and needs to find another option within one to seven years. He noted Mr. Preete has experience with trash to energy and Mr. Ballard believes this could be done on the property on East Street as well. The plant could serve the town and this service could be provided to another town, which would provide additional income.

First Selectman Kuhnly noted that in the future, any presentations should be forwarded to the Selectmen ahead of time to review. He noted that at the last Board meeting, Mr. Preete did not answer his question regarding taxes so the numbers Mr. Ballard provided may not be correct. In addition, solar projects take a long period of time to get approval. He asked Mr. Ballard to forward his information to the Selectmen and a discussion regarding Agbotic will be on the next agenda.

Ms. King noted that if the Board proceeds further with this proposal, it would be wise to have an expert in the field provide input.

Mr. Ward interjected that this is a special meeting and as such, no agenda items can be added or discussed.

First Selectman Kuhnly asked Selectman Ballard if he spoke to anyone to get the information he provided. It came from Sierra Energy in California. The report was created based on information Mr. Ballard provided through a free website. Mr. Kuhnly noted that Selectmen do not have authority to contact anyone on behalf of the town.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Ward
Town Manager
TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2020

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

REGARDING: V. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS – ITEM B
Consideration of Interest in Town-Owned Land at 107 East Street

Background
Agbotic, Inc. is an agricultural technology company, headquartered in Sackets Harbor, New York that grows organic plants in robotic greenhouses. Agbotic is looking to expand the number of their farms across North America. They approached the Town about using the East Street property. They would construct ten greenhouses, a washing and packing facility, and a farm pond. Each greenhouse is fully automated, with all seed planting, watering, harvesting, etc. controlled by computers and robots. Computers monitor growth and feed data back into the system to make adjustments accordingly. They market their products under the Good Healthy Brand and sell them to Whole Foods, Gramercy Tavern, among other retailers. They would also install a solar array to offset their energy consumption.

This land was purchased by the Town in 2012 for two point four seven million dollars ($2,470,000). The most recent appraisal done in 2018, opined that the land was worth one point five million dollars ($1,500,000) in its entirety and six hundred and seventy five thousand dollars ($675,000) without the development rights. There is a current license for use of the land held by Northern Valley Farms, Inc. for a fee of $13,130 per year through the year 2023. It does contain an option for the Town to terminate the license at the end of the calendar year.

Proposal
Agbotic has offered to purchase the whole property for $675,000 or to a partial land purchase of 50 acres for $330,000. Development rights, previously noted to be worth $825,000, would be retained by the Town. Previously, the State offered $412,500 for the development rights.

The purchase and sale agreement also contains the following:

- Town of Granby and buyer to approve a virtual net metering agreement to benefit the Town and proposed Smart Farm that would provide a revenue increase (PILOT or tax revenue) to the town that is greater than the outstanding financial obligation for 107 East St.
- Buyer review and acceptance of easement assigning development rights to the Town of Granby.
- Buyer receiving a State of Connecticut Hemp Permit.
- Buyer approving costs, guidelines and restrictions of utilities and interconnection.
Response to Questions
Some questions have arisen based on prior discussions. A request for additional information yielded the information below:

- Agbotic is not requesting tax abatement.
- Using $50,000/yr. as a debt service straw man; the project would ‘pay’ the town this amount yearly. It is understood that an agreement outlining the terms of this payment would be drafted and signed by the two parties.
- Full operations would generate at least 15 new, fairly high paying jobs.
- Agbotic’s long term plans are to build own and operate three hundred greenhouses in the Northeast over the next 3 years.

Additional Research and Information
Following a presentation by Agbotic to the Board of Selectmen and discussion by the Board, staff was asked to look into various aspects of the proposal. Please refer to the following information:

Virtual Net Metering
Agbotic proposes to enter into a virtual net metering program with the Town of Granby whereby the Town would benefit from the 4.5 MW solar array Agbotic would like to install on the property. As stated in the agreement this “would provide a revenue increase (PILOT or tax revenue) to the town that is greater than the current outstanding financial obligation for 107 East St.”

Town staff investigated the virtual net metering program in Connecticut, speaking with a representative from Eversource, to gain a better understanding of the program. The following information is to be considered when evaluating the feasibility of Agbotic’s virtual net metering proposal:

- Currently Eversource does not have cap space available for virtual net metering projects. It is not expected space will become available until July 2021 at the earliest and it will be dependent on if new legislation is passed, which would both authorize the program and determine the cap.
- If/when space becomes available; there are currently nine agricultural applications in the queue. It should be noted there are four classifications projects may fall under; State, Municipal, Agricultural, and Anaerobic Digester projects. Each classification has its own queue and own cap. Therefore if Agbotic were to submit a virtual net metering proposal, their application would go to the end of the queue for Agricultural projects.
- The maximum facility allowed under the virtual net metering program is 3 MW; the proposal by Agbotic is 4.5 MW.
- The solar facility could be operated by a third party on land not owned by the Town.
- The party operating the facility would have to meet the criteria to qualify as an agricultural host. Per a rider from Eversource, an agricultural customer host is “an agricultural customer that fully owns, or holds an equity interest in a special purpose entity (SPE) that either owns the Virtual Net Metering Facility or directly owns less than 100% of the Agricultural Virtual Net Metering Facility and participates in agricultural virtual net metering.”
The above information was forwarded to John Prete for comment and clarification. Please refer to additional information provided by Mr. Prete below:

- The proposed project is planned to start in mid-2021 and constructed in phases.
- Projects with multiple classifications, Municipal and Agricultural, are placed in appropriate standing and order.
- 3 MW would be net metered for Agbotic, leaving about 1.5 MW for the Town.

Based on the information from Eversource and Mr. Prete regarding the Virtual Net Metering, clarification regarding the proposed arrangement is needed. Specifically, the following:

- What is the proposed relationship between the Town and Agbotic for the Virtual Net Metering? Will Agbotic be considered the Agricultural Host and the Town a beneficial account? If another arrangement is proposed, information is needed and specifically how that arrangement would comply with the parameters established by Eversource under the Virtual Net Metering program.
- Who will pay for the cost of installing the solar array (1.5 MW) to benefit the Town?
- Who will be responsible for engineering, connection, and possible legal fees?

**Financial Review: Current costs v expected taxes of other revenue for next 13 years**
The Board also inquired concerning the amount of debt left regarding the 2013 purchase of 107 East Street. At the time, the Town paid $2.47 Million, as part of the 2012 bond package. To date, $664,103.77 has been paid for principal and $494,406.63 for interest. The total amount of principal left to be paid is $1,805,896.23. The interest rates we are paying vary from 2-4% depending on which year; see below interest rate table for each year. The expected amount we will pay in interest going forward is $407,173.44 (from FY21 to FY33). Total left to be paid of principal and interest is $2,213,069.67. This will average out to $170,236.13 per year.

Please see attached Excel Table prepared by Administration and a Table prepared by Selectmen Ballard.

**Estimated Taxes Revenue:**
The Town Assessor estimates the property, if constructed with ten greenhouses would between $165,000 and $ 180, 000 per year in tax obligations.

**Trash to Energy Option**
Selectmen Ballard has inquired of Agbotic if they would be interested in allowing a trash to energy facility on their property. They were open to that idea. Administration is still studying this.

Attached are the following items:
1. Power Point August 10, 2020 from Mr. John Prete
2. Letter from Peggy Lareau
3. Letter from Robert Lindeyer
4. Eversource Virtual Net Metering Rider
Agbotic’s SMART FARM proposed Project for: 107 East Street, Granby

DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR “PROPERTY TAX” CALCULATIONS

August 10, 2020

Agbotic
The World’s Smartest Farms

All Rights Reserved
Greenhouse Design details

Characteristics of each greenhouse:

1. 52ft wide by 360ft long by ~24ft high
2. Minimal below ground disruptions
3. Leading Polydres outside film
4. 18-inch planting bed, native soil on-site ORGANIC
5. State-of-the-art thermal bed under plant bed for sustainable energy efficiency
6. High efficiency LED lightning for year-round growing
7. Sustainable groundwater heating and cooling

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10 greenhouse cluster dimensions

Dimensions:
- 50' ft wide
- 350' ft long
- 23' 9' ft high

Polydres® UP-Keder by Kwinn
- Air bubble greenhouse film
- R-value: 1.7
- Light direct: ca. 83%
- Light diffuse: ca. 65-75%

Harvest LED lighting 241 per GH

18 inches soil

9" of crushed stone piped with 8" tile drain pipe, 4" center, that is connected to GH peak through a manifold and blower
Greenhouse Design details – Rib Cage, supports and spacing
Greenhouse Design details -- Upper Film

A new dimension in greenhouse films

Excellent quality in all respects

The ultimate greenhouse film

High transparency

Energy saving

Antenna shading

High protection

Recycling

POLYDRESS® LP-KEDER
German engineering for better sunlight insulation and diffusion in the greenhouse
**Smart Farm -- Other Design details**

**Other Facility:**
1. 1 Wash/Pack Room, 2-bathrooms and office facility
   a) ~ 7,000sqft, one level – 50’ by 140’
   b) PreFab for minimal disruption
   c) Slab on grade construction
   d) Water collection
   e) Septic

**Solar**
1. Estimated 4.5MW solar facility for 100% usage and farm sustainability, ~ 4 acres per 1MW
2. “Supports” for the solar panels are non-evasive, requiring “screw-type” or driven structures
3. Supports are easily removed
## Project details – Costs

### 1. Cost per Greenhouse

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### 2. Cost of the Office, Bathroom, Wash/Pack Facility

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### 3. Cost of 1 MW of Solar

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Project details & discussion

1. Greenhouses (GH) are temporary structures (soil-based ‘floor’, film for membrane, no bathroom...), erected in two days and can be brought to original state in a week or less. There are 10 planned. No property tax is levied in our operations in Sacketts Harbor NY.
2. Each GH is a separate unit
3. We anticipate building 4 in year one, 4 more in year 2 and the 2 remaining in year 3.
4. Solar will be constructed in 1.5MW blocks, total planned in 4.5MW
August 19, 2020

To: Board of Selectmen  Granby, Connecticut

From: Peggy Lareau 17R Reed Hill Rd. Granby

Re: 107 East ST.(former Evanson Farm)

Agbotic and other proposals

1. Please
   a) make sure to provide as much information/data to the public as possible, and make packet
      available on line—if need be redacting dollar values of offer;
   b) make the process entirely public as well. With Covid constraints, it is hard to get public
      awareness. I for one am not racing to join meetings via Zoom....yet.

2. Please begin with the general precept that Town owned land should be saved for future Town
   and community needs, be they 25, 50 or 100 years out. That might be Town functions, senior
   housing or even Town- protected ag for food to a climate challenged region or food to those in
   need due to pandemics or economic dysfunction.

3. Avoid sales of this parcel – insist on long term lease instead.

4. Don’t chop up this parcel, as I gathered Agbotic’s proposal would do. Why wreck it for needs, be
   they Town or otherwise, that need a big property?

5. Any proposal to sell which is to be seriously considered by Town if you reject #2 and #3 above
   should be to a tried and true food producer. I’m be very disturbed if we sell outright to a “start
   up” whose track record as a food producer is not proven. That was a concern to me with respect
   to the last offer to buy this farmland — great visions don’t always pan out. All the more reason
   for long-term lease.

6. I learned in a recent news segment about the vast amount of agricultural land being bought up
   by investors, many from overseas, who are not themselves interested in agriculture and food
   production. It’s all about money. I am not suggesting that Agbotic has any intent to use ag near
   term and then sell to investors, industry, or housing. But their success with what is now a Town
   resource is unpredictable. We need to protect this high quality ag land.

7. Don’t forget the report and recommendations of the Town Owned Land Committee a few years
   out — great surveys of public wishes, carefully thought out, good recommendations. Don’t waste
   all that effort.
From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com on behalf of Robert Lindeyer via Granby CT
<cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Kathy Kane
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Monday, August 31, 2020 - 10:05am Submitted by anonymous user: 199.231.28.240 Submitted values are:

Subject: Town Manager
Message:
Good Morning,
I read in the Selectmen report in the latest Granby Drummer this weekend and i was somewhat shocked to read about the town land on East Street potentially being developed/sold by/to Agribot.
To my knowledge the town has not put this land up for bid. I think it is preposterous to consider any offer put forth under this inappropriate methodology. I am 100% against this motion and I do not believe any motion should be entertained until the towns people request it via a vote.
Also I think the sale of this land, a 2.5+ million dollar purchase should at least break even in the event of a sale. This land was bought as an asset for future growth for the town, such as new schools, municiple buildings, recreational area or just open space, not to be sold to private enterprise at a loss. Maybe Mr. Ballard should suggest Holcomb Farm as a site to see how the town will react to that.
Why is Mr Ballard so anxious to rob the people of Granby by selling this fabulous property. It make one ponder.
Please bring this to the attention of the members of the Board of Selectmen.
Sincerely
Bob Lindeyer

==Please provide the following information==
Your Name: Robert Lindeyer
Your E-mail Address: bob.lindeyer@cox.net
Organization: Citizen of Granby, Member of ZBA
Phone Number: 860-982-4166
==Address==
Street: 367 North Granby Road
City: North Granby
State: Connecticut
Zipcode: 06060

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
https://www.granby-ct.gov/node/2/submission/7521
### Expense

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**Per Year**

- Principal: $166
- Interest: $102
- TOTAL: $268

### Revenue

- **Leases**
  - 50 acres / $330K: $13
  - 75 acres / $412.5K: $08
  - TOTAL: $21

- **Debt Service Relief**
  - Agbotic "make whole" payment (up to $50K): $40
  - "20% of (school) electric expense": $177
  - TOTAL: $217

**Net**

- Yearly cost to taxpayers: -$153
- Yearly benefit to taxpayers: -$94
- Total net benefit to Town over 13 years: $954
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

REGARDING: IV. Unfinished or Tabled Business – Item B
Long-Term Recovery Committee

Background
At the May 18, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board approved the creation of a Long-Term Recovery Committee and at their June 1st meeting, the selectmen made multiple appointments to the board. (Please see attached memorandums dated May 18, 2020 and June 1, 2020).

It is recommended that Mr. Taylor Wrye be appointed as the representative for education in lieu of Mr. Charles Hershon who has resigned.

PROPOSED MOTION ONE: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPOINTS MR. TAYLOR WRYE IN LIEU OF MR. CHARLES HERSHON TO THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE.

Enc.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

REGARDING: V. Business – Item E
Consideration of Establishment of a Long-Term Recovery Committee

Background
The Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (“DEMHS”) and the Governor’s office have requested that the Town create a Long Term Recovery Committee to assist Granby to recover from COVID 19. It has been the experience of FEMA, especially after Storm Sandy and Hurricane Maria that such committees are helpful. The goals of the Committee will be to ascertain the unmet needs of the community created by the COVID 19 crisis and to develop with partners methods to assist the citizens and businesses recover. In addition, the Committee would coordinate federal, state and local government resources. Lastly, they would create mitigation and reasonable risk reduction programs and policies.

The desired make-up of the committee would include business sector partners, nonprofits, voluntary organizations and philanthropic organizations. In addition, a 501(c) (3) entity is desired as they will act as a fiduciary for any funds.

A Long-Term Recovery Coordinator is also sought. The Coordinator will chair the Committee and be the liaison to the Region 3 DEMHS Long Term Coordinator. The only restriction from the state is that the position can not be filled by the Town’s Emergency Manager or anyone else involved in the response to the disaster. The makeup of the committee is requested to consist of a broad spectrum of citizens form the community.

Next Steps

The following committee composition and charge is presented for consideration:

Town of Granby
Long-Term Recovery Committee
May 2020

Resolve, that there be established for the Town of Granby, a committee having the following composition and charge:
COMPOSITION

The name of the committee shall be the Long-Term Recovery Committee

The Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall consist of up to nine members and a Long Term Recovery Coordinator. Each member will represent a different interest; clergy, business owner, restaurant owner, social services, attorney, medical field, etc. The Town Manager is in the process of taking suggestions of interested individuals and anticipates returning to the Board with a list of names.

CHARGE

1) The Committee shall ascertain and prioritize the unmet needs of the community, residential and business, incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2) The Committee shall develop plans for the assistance of citizens and businesses in resolving the needs created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

3) The Committee shall develop mitigation and reasonable risk reduction programs and policies.

4) The Committee shall solicit and gain input from the public.

Action

If the Board of Selectmen is in agreement, it is recommended the Board vote to establish this committee.

PROPOSED MOTION ONE: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY CREATES THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE WITH THE CHARGE AS PRESENTED.
TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

DATE: June 1, 2020

REGARDING: IV. Unfinished or Tabled Business – Item A
Consideration of Establishment of a Long-Term Recovery Committee

Background
At the May 18, Board of Selectmen’s meeting, the Board approved the creation of a Long-Term Recovery Coordinator. (Please see attached memorandum dated May 18, 2020).

Proposed Members

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Ex-Officio Members:
1. Mr. Scott Kuhnly, First Selectman
2. Mr. John Ward, Town Manager
3. Mr. Jordan Grossman, Superintendent of Schools

It is intended that the committee may reach out to other citizens in each category for input and suggestions.
Action

**PROPOSED MOTION ONE**: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPOINTS MR. DAVID WATKINS AS GRANBY’S LONG TERM RECOVERY COORDINATOR.

**PROPOSED MOTION TWO**: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPOINTS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO GRANBY’S LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE: PHILIP MAIN, SANDRA YOST, LORI BLACKBURN, ERIC VINCENT, WALTER MISSION, CLARK PFAFF AND SANDY FLAGG.

**PROPOSED MOTION THREE**: TOWN MANAGER JOHN WARD AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS JORDAN GROSSMAN ARE APPOINTED EX OFFICIO TO THE COMMITTEE.
TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

REGARDING: V. Business – Item B
Consideration of Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program

Connecticut General Statute Section 19a-308b established the Neglected Cemetery Account and authorizes the Office of Policy and Management to make grants to eligible municipalities for the purpose of municipal maintenance of burial grounds and cemeteries. A recent announcement was issued to municipalities notifying them of the availability of grant funds. The maximum grant award is $2,000.00. Grants are paid on a reimbursement basis and there is no match required.

The Town of Granby would like to apply for a $2,000.00 grant to maintain Lee Cemetery, located at 22R Harvey Drive. The grant funds would be used to clear weeds and bushes, trim back small trees, and mow lawn areas. The work would be completed by the Department of Public Works. Per the grant guidelines, this work would be done outside of the regular work day.

Prior to submitting the grant application, authorization from the Board of Selectmen is required to allow the Town Manager to apply for and accept, on behalf of the town, a grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account. The Board of Selectmen must also authorize the Town Manager to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said grant should the town be selected for the grant award.
TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2020

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

REGARDING: V. Business – Item B
Consideration of Amending Ordinance – Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Personnel

Below for your purview is a draft ordinance prepared by the Town Attorney.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ARTICLE III Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Personnel [Adopted 10-1-2002]

§ 156-9. Purpose. In recognition of the benefits provided to the Town of Granby and its residents and businesses by the dedicated service of the Town's volunteer fire and ambulance personnel, the Town hereby establishes a tax exemption program, pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-81w, for unpaid volunteer fire and ambulance personnel on the conditions outlined below.

§ 156-10. Eligibility. A. A member in good standing of the Lost Acres Fire Department (LAFD) or the Granby Ambulance Association (GAA) who resides in the Town of Granby shall be eligible to receive an exemption of municipal taxes, as described in § 156-12 below, when he or she meets the following criteria: (1) The member must not receive any remuneration, other than incidental payments or reimbursement of lost wages if called to court, from the Town for his or her service with the LAFD or GAA;

(2) The member must have completed one year of continuous service with the LAFD or GAA on or before October 1 of a given year in order to be eligible for a tax exemption on July 1 of the next following year; and

(3) The member must be certified by the Chief of the LAFD or President of the GAA to have met criteria defined by that organization as defined in § 156-11 below.

B. The criteria defined by each organization shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen prior to implementation. Any changes in the criteria shall likewise require Board of Selectmen approval before implementation. Criteria will be placed on file as a matter of public record in the office of the Granby Town Clerk. Said criteria are subject to annual change in accordance with § 156-10B.6
A. On or before October 1 of each year, the Chief of the LAFD and the President of the GAA shall submit to the Assessor a list of the members of their respective organizations who are eligible as defined in § 156-10 above. This list shall include the address of each individual and the amount, as determined from the schedule in § 156-12 below, for which the member is eligible.
B. The Chief of the LAFD and President of GAA shall cause such records as may be required by the Town for that purpose.

§ 156-12. Exemption benefit and schedule. Exemption of municipally levied real property and motor vehicle taxes ("property taxes") for which the eligible member may be liable shall be granted to eligible members of the LAFD and GAA on October 1 of the year following their certification of eligibility, as defined in § 156-11 above, according to the following:

A. Maximum benefit. The maximum benefit shall be defined as an exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to the quotient of $1,000,000 divided by the Town's mill rate in effect at the time of the assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per $1,000 of assessed value. The maximum benefit amount may not exceed $1,000; provided, however, that the maximum benefit amount shall increase to $1,500 effective with taxes due on the October 1, 2020 grand list and to $2,000 effective with taxes due on the October 1, 2021 grand list. B. Benefit schedule. (1) An eligible member shall receive the maximum benefit, as defined above; provided, however, that no member will be entitled to an exemption of more than the total property taxes for which he or she is liable to the Town of Granby.

(2) The amount listed above may be modified as described under §§ 156-14 and 156-17 below. § 156-13. Retirement benefit. A member who has served a minimum of 20 years on active duty with either the LAFD or GAA and has left the organization in good standing after the effective date of this article shall be eligible to continue to receive the maximum benefit, as defined in § 156-12, annually for as long as he or she owns property subject to property tax in Granby and is a resident thereof. The benefit shall end at the earlier of the death of the member or the transfer of all property subject to such tax. In order to qualify for this benefit a member must complete a minimum of two years' active service after the effective date of this article. A member who is on an LAFD or GAA granted medical leave, military service with the United States, or absent due to injury where workers' compensation is invoked is considered to be in active service for the purposes of this article.

§ 156-14. Individual maximum. The maximum exemption anyone person may be eligible to receive is 1 1/2 times the maximum benefit described in § 156-12 above. A person who is an eligible member of both the LAFD and GAA will not receive full separate exemptions for service in both organizations.

§ 156-15. Years of service. To be eligible for exemption as described in this article, a member of the LAFD or GAA must serve continuously for the designated period outlined in § 156-12 above. Years of service shall not be deemed to be interrupted if LAFD or GAA grants medical leave, or military service leave with the United States, or by periods of absence for disability for
which LAFD or GAA workers' compensation benefits are paid. Otherwise, when a person has served as a volunteer with LAFD or GAA, left such service and then returned, he or she shall not be eligible for exemption until he or she has completed one full fiscal year of service. Upon his or her completion of this years' service, his or her total years of service shall then be deemed to include the total number of years previously served plus the one year.

§ 156-16. Application and record of exemption.

A. The exemption under this article shall be applied first to any real property owned by the eligible member and taxable in the Town of Granby and then against any motor vehicles so owned and taxable.

B. The exemption under this article shall be applicable for any real property or motor vehicle of an LAFD or GAA volunteer eligible for such exemption whether such property is owned individually, jointly, or as tenant in common with one or more other persons; provided, however, that the maximum benefit may not exceed the volunteer's proportionate share of tax.

C. The Assessor for the Town of Granby is delegated the authority to administer this program and promulgate such forms, rules and regulations consistent with this article and applicable state statutes.

D. The Assessor of the Town of Granby shall maintain a record of all exemptions granted in accordance with this article and shall report this amount from time to time to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

§ 156-17. Proration.

A. If a person is certified as being eligible for benefits, as defined in § 156-12 above, on October 1 of a given year and subsequently, prior to July 1 of the next following year, becomes ineligible, the benefit he or she would have received will be prorated for the period during which he or she was eligible.

B. If a person receiving benefits from this article transfers, assigns, grants or otherwise conveys the property to which the exemption is applied or if that person dies, the exemption amount to which that individual would otherwise be entitled, as determined in § 156-12, shall be prorated according to state Office of Policy and Management guidelines.

§ 156-18. Effective date. This article shall become effective commencing with the October 1, 2002, Grand List, with the amendments to §156-12(A) effective as of the dates provided therein.

3. This amendment to the ordinance shall be effective 20 days after publication after passage.

Dated at Granby, Connecticut this ___ day of ______
This proposal is based on Public Act No. 19-36, **AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS**.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:
Section 1. Section 12-81w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for a non-salaried local emergency management director, any individual who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, fire police officer, as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-308, emergency medical technician, paramedic, civil preparedness staff, active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, active member of a volunteer underwater search and rescue team, or ambulance driver in the municipality, or any individual who is a retired volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician and has completed at least twenty-five years of service as a volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician in the municipality. Such tax relief may provide either (1) (A) for the period commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, an abatement of up to one thousand five hundred dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, and (B) on and after July 1, 2021, an abatement of up to two thousand dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to the quotient of one million dollars divided by the mill rate, in effect at the time of assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Any ordinance may authorize interlocal agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief to such volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer or volunteered their services in another municipality.

Approved June 28, 2019
Lamont tells CT agencies to prep deep cost cuts for next budget

Town aid, Medicaid programs could be on the chopping block

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Gov. Ned Lamont’s administration has directed agencies to find ways to cut spending by 10% or more in the next two fiscal years as it anticipates a lengthy, coronavirus-induced, economic downturn.

The administration, which will be asked to explain to the legislature’s Appropriations Committee on Monday how it already has saved hundreds of millions of dollars more

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State extends funding
than anticipated amid a pandemic, also raised the prospect of reduced aid to cities and towns.

"The post-pandemic economic reality ... is one where revenues may take several years to return to pre-pandemic levels," Office of Policy and Management Secretary Melissa McCaw, Lamont's budget director, wrote recently to agency heads.

State finances are projected to run $2.5 billion in the red this fiscal year, which began July 1. But Connecticut's emergency reserves have grown since the pandemic began, and they are expected to exceed $2.8 billion once the audit of the 2019-20 fiscal year has been completed in September.

The bigger problem, according to McCaw's office, is projected deficits topping $3 billion in each of the next two fiscal years. Lamont must propose a plan to legislators in February to balance that biennial cycle, which runs from July 2021 through June 2023.

A $3 billion shortfall is equal to about 15% of annual operating costs and approaches the unprecedented $3.7 billion gap Gov. Dannel P. Malloy inherited when he balanced his first budget in 2011. Malloy and the legislature relied on more than $1.8 billion in tax hikes and a union concessions plan to cover much of that deficit.

A routine part of preparing a two-year budget includes exploring options to cut services, though a 10% reduction isn't always under consideration. Developing cost-cutting plans doesn't mean the governor necessarily will propose them, nor that the legislature will adopt them.

But McCaw directed agencies not to propose new or expanded programs, and to avoid seeking inflationary adjustments except in circumstances mandated by law.
"We are entering a time of restraint in terms of what we can reasonably propose for new initiatives or expenditures," McCaw wrote to department heads. "As a result, we will need to be flexible and creative in meeting the needs of the state."

McCaw also requested "responsible proposals for restructuring and reducing" municipal aid and Medicaid-funded programs — two areas lawmakers traditionally are reluctant to cut — though she didn't target a cut of 10% or any other specific level.

For the past two years, Comptroller Kevin P. Lembo's office has been forecasting a major surge in state employee retirements in 2022 and 2023, and McCaw also directed agencies to find ways to capture that potential payroll savings by managing with fewer personnel.

"Our budget development task therefore demands a deeper commitment to reducing costs, maximizing efficiencies, and coming up with new ideas to improve our financial situation with more predictability and stability while continuing to deliver high quality services to the state's residents," McCaw wrote.

She is expected to appear via teleconference Monday afternoon before the legislature's Appropriations Committee to discuss fiscal challenges facing Connecticut
now and in the future, as well as the limits on how states can use federal pandemic relief.

But McCaw is expected to face questions, too, about how the administration saved so much money during the last fiscal year, which ended on June 30. Lawmakers have been questioning agency heads all summer trying to understand how agencies managed to save so much money during the pandemic.

The legislature tasks the Executive Branch annually with achieving savings targets through attrition or other efficiencies once the budget is in force. The savings goal for the just-completed fiscal year was $209.2 million in the General Fund, which covers about 90% of all operating costs in the overall budget.

The Lamont administration estimates it saved $544.1 million, or two-and-a-half times the target. McCaw said much of that involved programs that couldn't operate at all, or ran in reduced fashion, during the early stages of coronavirus outbreak.
Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague (left) and Rep. Toni Walker, D-New Haven, co-chairwomen of the Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague and Rep. Toni Walker, D-New Haven, co-chairs of the Appropriations Committee, have been pressing McCaw for details for months, saying they still don't understand how so much funding went unspent during a crisis.

Walker could not be reached Friday for comment.

Osten said she is concerned not only about the funds saved last fiscal year, but also about Lamont's plans for the future, adding that Connecticut's vulnerable populations, municipal aid, and job training programs must be protected.

"We need to ensure the safety net for our residents is not shredded," she said. "We want to make sure that we're still able to protect our residents as they go through this very difficult economic time frame."

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Overall Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Covid-19 Reported Deaths and Number of People Tested
Data as of Week ending August 8, 2020 is preliminary and subject to change
*Rates are based on population estimates from 2018
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