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TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020
VIA ZOOM
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2020
     Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2020
     Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2020

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

V. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments
   Vacancies: Conservation Commission (1)
B. Consideration of Interest in Town-Owned Land at 107 East Street
C. Consideration of the Awarding of the Contract for Architectural Services for the Granby Memorial High School to DRA

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

A. Budget Operations – June 2020
B. Capital Project Activity Update

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, August 3, 2020.
TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2020

The public hearing of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman B. Scott Kuhnly at 6:45 p.m.

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

First Selectman Kuhnly opened the public hearing and stated the purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding the approval of proposals for the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. First Selectman Kuhnly read the Legal Notice as published.

Town Manager John Ward reported there were no written communications.

There were no questions from the Board.

First Selectman Kuhnly stated one application was received from Foxfield F.A.R.M., William Regan and Susan Patricelli Regan, 62 Hungary Road. William Regan provided additional information about the program. They have served approximately 31 veterans and first responders with equine therapy over the last few years. It has been proven to help those with anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). They offer a 90-minute look into the benefit of the program for a $100 tax deductible fee.

Town Manager Ward said this is our third year with this program. It is a successful program.

No other public addressed the public hearing.

First Selectman Kuhnly closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Ward
Town Manager
The regular 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

No public addressed the Board.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2020 as presented.

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

A. Long-Term Recovery Committee

At the June 1, 2020 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, multiple appointments were made to the Long-Term Recovery Committee. There were two open spots that were not filled at that time. It is recommended that Ms. Cynthia Adams, a nurse, be appointed as the representative of the medical profession. It is also recommended that Ms. Mary Ann Guarco, past President of the Granby Chamber of Commerce, be appointed as the economic development representative until Ms. Kenyon, Community Development Director, returns from leave.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Ms. Cynthia Adams to the Long-Term Recovery Committee.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Ms. Mary Ann Guarco to the Long-Term Recovery Committee until the return of Ms. Kenyon from her leave.

V. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

No resignations or appointments were received

B. Consideration of Holcomb Farm Fund for Holcomb Farmhouse Improvement Funds
Earlier this year, work was done on the interior of the Holcomb Farm Farmhouse. It was scraped and painted to remove all areas containing lead paint. The removal cost was $45,708.15. Town Manager Ward thanked the Friends of Holcomb Farm Inc. for generously offering to pay half ($22,854.08).

Connecticut Lead Paint Solutions was hired to create the abatement program, to oversee the project, and to submit all the paperwork to the State of Connecticut and the Farmington Valley Health District. The contract totaled $1,840 and again, the Friends of Holcomb Farm Inc. paid half ($920).

On a separate project, Barrett Builders was hired by CIRMA to replace half of the roof on the house which was damaged enough in the hail storm of May 2018 to warrant the job. The entire roof was in poor condition; however, only the side affected by the storm was approved by CIRMA to be replaced. Barrett Builders submitted an estimate of $9,875 to replace the remaining portion not covered by CIRMA. Holcomb Farm Inc. verbally agreed to pay $1,225.92 to the town upon completion of the roof. Town Manager Ward would like to schedule the remaining work with Barrett Builders.

None of these amounts were budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 adopted budget. Town Manager Ward is requesting an additional appropriation from Holcomb Farm Improvement Fund balance in the amount of $32,423.15 to fund these projects. He indicated there are sufficient funds in the Holcomb Farm Improvement Fund to cover this appropriation.

In the future, the Town Manager would like to apply for STEEP funds to do other work. The exterior of the farmhouse needs work but there is not funding at this time.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to authorize an appropriation of $32,423.15 from the Holcomb Farm Improvement Fund balance to fund the interior lead abatement and roof projects and forwards this request to the Board of Finance to approve.

ON A MOTION BY Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reorder the agenda, placing Business Items C, D, and E to be discussed during closed session following Selectmen Reports.

C. Executive Session: Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute 1-200(6)(D), the Board moves to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Sale of Real Estate. Town Manager John D. Ward and Administration Finance Officer Kimi Cheng are invited to attend.

D. Executive Session: Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute 1-200(6)(D), the Board moves to go into Executive Session to Discuss Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims. Town Manager John D. Ward and Administrative Finance Officer Kimi Cheng are invited to attend.

E. Executive Session: Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute 1-200(6)(D), the Board moves to go into Executive Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining. Town Manager John D. Ward and Administration finance Officer Kimi Cheng are invited to attend.
VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Ward reported the COVID-19 testing site at Town Hall on June 8, 2020 was a success. There were 123 individuals tested. The town would also like to bring the testing to senior housing, or hold a second test site at Town Hall.

Phase 2 of the re-opening began on June 10 and continues to June 20. Gyms, movie theaters, and museums may open. Youth sports, including Little League, may begin and social gatherings of up to 50 people may be allowed.

Phase III is targeted to begin July 20. Bars and indoor arcades may open and social gatherings of up to 100 people may be allowed.

A. Budget Operations Report – May 2020

Tax collection is at 102%. The town has received the final payment for Education Cost Sharing. The final payment of tuition from other towns has not yet been received. Intergovernmental Revenue is at 99%. Overall, local departments have taken in more than what was budgeted for the year. Town Clerk fees are at 128%, Planning and Zoning application permit fees are at 273%, building permit fees are at 225% and short-term investments is at 323%. It was noted that interest rates have been very good and because of that, the pension fund is back to where it was before the COVID-19 crisis. Overall, the town is in good shape financially. Selectman Ohannessian congratulated those responsible for expense management.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS (B. Scott Kuhnly)

First Selectman Kuhnly reported there was a good turnout of 150 people at the recent forum on racial injustice and inclusion. Many stories, comments, and suggestions were shared by the community. It was unfortunate that they were hacked during the last three minutes of the forum. As a municipality, all meetings are open to the public and that leaves them vulnerable to these kinds of incidents. It is hoped that the next meeting can be held in public, with social distancing. A date has not been set.

Selectman King thanked First Selectman Kuhnly for hosting the meeting. A lot of good can come from these meetings.

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

No reports.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to recess the meeting to closed session.
CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Kuhnly called the executive session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:19 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Scott Kuhnly, Glenn Ballard, Sally King, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian, and John D. Ward, Town Manager, Kimi Cheng, Administration Finance Officer.

The purpose of the session was to discuss the sale of real estate, discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims, and to discuss collective bargaining.

The executive session adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

John D. Ward
Town Manager
TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JULY 6, 2020
VIA ZOOM

The regular 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

Anna Sogliuzzo, 15 Old Orchard Road, expressed her disappointment that the Agbotic offer wasn’t scheduled as an agenda item for tonight’s meeting, as it has been five weeks since their presentation. She would like the Board to schedule a Public Hearing as soon as possible. First Selectman Kuhnly noted that tonight’s meeting had originally been cancelled but needed to be rescheduled to address another issue. Per procedure, the board will discuss Agbotic at an upcoming meeting and determine how to proceed on this unsolicited matter.

III. BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the awarding of the project to replace the low-slope roof at Granby Memorial Middle School to United Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc.

Town Manager Ward thanked the Selectmen for rescheduling the meeting to address this issue in a timely manner. The bid results were opened on June 30. The goal of the building committee is to have the project completed by the end of the summer. The project is estimated to take seven weeks and should start as soon as possible to be completed before school starts.

The School Projects Building Committee drafted a request for proposal to solicit bid proposals for interested companies to replace the low-slope roof at Granby Memorial Middle School. They received seven proposals and after extensive review, selected United Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder at $350,000. The company recently completed the replacement of the large, red metal roof, which was covered by an insurance claim after a hailstorm. United Roofing and Sheet Metal is familiar with the building and works well with district personnel. The project will be funded with bond money and is eligible for a grant from the School Grants Program with the State of Connecticut.

ON A MOTION by Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to authorize the Town Manager to award the project and execute the contract to replace the low-slope roof at Granby Memorial Middle School to United Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc.

First Selectman B. Scott Kuhnly questioned the timing of the process and why this is being done last minute. Town Manager Ward responded there were several steps to the process. A 240-page bid package was developed for an architect to oversee the project and the Town attorney drafted the contract, which took longer than anticipated. This is the fourth project the school committee had to put out to bid.
Selectman Neumann asked if this dollar amount was within the budget estimates. He expressed concern if the project would cost more than projected it might have a negative impact on other projects. Town Manager Ward did not have the budget estimate before him and would check.

Selectman Ohannessian asked if the board approved the other projects from the School Building Committee. It was noted two projects were small, $25,000 and did not require board approval. A fourth project is likely to appear before the board at an upcoming meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Selectman Neumann, seconded by First Selectman Kuhnly, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday July 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Ward
Town Manager
TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager

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

Background
The firm of Agbotic, Inc. is a farming company, headquartered in Sackets Harbor, New York that grows organic plants in robotic greenhouses. 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 GoodHealthy Brand and sell them to Whole Foods and Gramercy Tavern, among other retailers.

Agbotic is looking to expand the number of their farms across North America. They approached the Town about using the East Street property. In addition to constructing greenhouses on the property for their farming operation, they would also plan to install solar panels or a fuel cell 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, estimated 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.

They are looking at other towns in CT and would be seeking tax abatement. Granby does not have a tax abatement policy; however, Connecticut General Statute 12-65b provides a framework.

Agbotic has made an unsolicited offer of six hundred and seventy five thousand dollars ($675,000) for the property. If the Board is interested in selling the property, several steps would be required. Pursuant to the Granby Charter, Sections 11-3 and 11-4, the question would have to receive approval from the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and then be presented at a Town Meeting. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 8-24, a referral by Planning and Zoning would also have to be requested.
Due to the fact that this land was purchased with bond funds, any proceeds would have to be utilized to pay off bond debt or to pay for other bond projects. The money could not be used in the general fund.
TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: July 20, 2020

REGARDING: V. BUSINESS – ITEM C
Consideration of the Awarding of the Contract for Architectural Services for the Granby Memorial High School to DRA

The School Projects Building Committee was tasked with drafting a request for proposal to solicit bid proposals for architectural services for five projects at the Granby Memorial High School. The projects consist of making improvements to the following areas:

1. The College and Career Ready rooms
2. Performing Arts Storage Space
3. Instrument Assembly Room
4. Library Media Room
5. High School Kitchen Facilities

Four firms submitted proposals. Out of the firms that were interviewed, the firm of Drummey, Rosane & Anderson, Inc. (“DRA”) of South Windsor, CT was selected by the Building Committee. They were the lowest bidder with a base bid of $152,400 (with a potential addition of $37,500 for construction administration) and they scored the highest in regards to qualifications. This work will be paid for with bond money and is eligible for a grant from the School Grants Program.

PROPOSED MOTION: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUTHORIZES THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD AND EXECUTE THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT FOR FIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS TO THE FIRM OF DRUMMNEY, ROSANE & ANDERSON, INC.
## TOWN OF GRANBY  
### BUDGET OPERATIONS SUMMARY  
#### JUNE 2020

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**43815 Town Clerk Fees** | 200,000 | 380,823 | (180,823) | 100% | Statutory Collections |
| **43820 Planning & Zoning** | **5,000** | **13,730** | **(8,730)** | **275%** | Application Permit Fees |
| **43830 Zoning Bd of Appeals** | **1,000** | **679** | **321** | **88%** | Application Permit Fees |
| **43840 Building Permits** | **120,000** | **311,933** | **(191,933)** | **260%** | Building Permit Fees |
| **43860 Inland Wetlands** | **2,000** | **5,103** | **(3,103)** | **255%** | Permit/App. Fees |
| **43870 Short Term Investments** | **40,000** | **228,367** | **(188,367)** | **571%** | |
| **43880 Rents** | **28,000** | **30,895** | **(2,895)** | **110%** | Drummer, School Rental |
| **43890 Sale Maps & Ordinances** | **100** | **242** | **(142)** | **242%** | |
| **43700 Snow Plow & Grading** | **5,000** | **7,464** | **(2,464)** | **146%** | Private Roads |
| **43710 Photocopying** | **1,500** | **426** | **1,075** | **28%** | |
| **43715 Open Farm Day** | **3,000** | **100** | **2,900** | **3%** | |
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## TOWN OF GRANBY
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#### JUNE 2020

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### General Fund Expenses

| General Fund Expenses | 46,899,103 | 45,006,612 | 22,262 | 1,870,229 | 98% |

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*Budget 12001 budget operations is $1 expense*
TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution List
FROM: John D. Ward, Town Manager
REGARDING: Capital Project Activity Update as of July 17, 2020
DATE: July 20, 2020

Bridges:

Griffin: The firm of WMC was chosen as the design engineer for the Griffin and Hungary Road bridges. They have begun the design work which they hope to finish in 2020.

Hungary: See above.

Moosehorn: The State has finished the design. The Bridge will be reconstructed to a width of 22 feet. A Public Hearing will be held in early September 2020. Construction targeted to begin in April of 2022.

Donahue: Design work will begin in 2021. Construction likely in 2022 or 2023.

Simsbury: Design work will begin in 2021. Construction likely in 2022 or 2023.

School Projects:

Granby Memorial Middle School

Roof Work:

Gutter System: The Granby Memorial Middle School gutter system has been completed.

Replacement of the low-slope roof over the gym:
This section is twenty-seven years old and has exceeded its useful life. Northeast Collaborative Architects was chosen to perform architectural services. The architect, John Scheib of NCA, developed the scope and plans for the construction. The project has been approved by DAS. The contracting work went out to bid and was awarded to United Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., and is expected to begin immediately with completion this summer.
**Building #1 Staircase and Science Classroom:**
Building #1 Staircase and Science Classroom projects were considered as the next priority. Both projects will improve safety and accessibility for all occupants of the building. These projects are also considered a non-priority project by the Department of Administrative Services and can be approved on a rolling basis.

Northeast Collaborative Architects was chosen to perform architectural services. Technical drawings and specifications will be shared with the School Project Building Committee on April 23, 2020.

Grant application is scheduled to be submitted on June 10, 2020.

**Hailstorm Damage:**
The red metal roof on GMMS was damaged in a hailstorm. The cost of this roof replacement was covered by our insurer (CIRMA). The project is complete.

**Granby Memorial High School**

**Other High School Projects**
The building committee has recommended the Architectural Firm of DRA to perform architectural work on the following Granby High School Projects:

1. College and Career Ready Rooms
2. Performing Arts Storage Space
3. Instrument Assembly Room
4. Library Media
5. High School Kitchen Facilities

Approval for the execution of a contract with DRA is on the Board of Selectmen’s Agenda for the July 20, 2020 meeting.

**High School Roof:** The Granby Memorial High School roof replacement timeline is dictated by DAS. This grant will be considered in November 2021. School roof top unit replacements will be considered at a later date as part of an energy conservation program.

**Remaining Projects:** Architectural Services for remaining projects, i.e. athletic fields and bathrooms, will be obtained at a future date.

Projects were prioritized in this manner to ensure that funding was available for safety and accessibility issues before any other commitments were made.

**Wells Road School Solar Project:** Project Cancelled
Non-Bonding Capital Projects:

**Cossitt Library:** The Architectural firm of Architectural Preservation Studio, DPC of New Canaan, CT has been chosen to prepare the facilities study.

**Holcomb Farms:** Lead paint abatement occurred at the farmhouse.

**Distribution List:**
Board of Selectmen  
Board of Finance  
Building Committees  
Department Heads  
Dr. Jordan Grossman, Superintendent of Schools  
Anna Robbins, Board of Education Business Manager  
Town Website – Current Projects
MANAGEMENT NOTES – July 20, 2020 Meeting

Assessor:

- Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills have been mailed.
- The month of July consists of adjusting and pro-rating motor vehicle taxes for the Tax Collector’s Office regarding vehicles that have been sold, stolen, totaled, registered out-of-state, etc., Staff is also answering phone calls, questions regarding assessments, the budget, and the mill rate.
- Record and transfer all deeds, probate certificates, foreclosures, and name changes received from the Town Clerk’s Office.
- Process and inspect all building permits received from the Building Department.
- Measure, list and value all additions, new decks, pools, barns, new houses, new apartments, central air conditioning, etc.
- Continually take in, record and apply Veterans Exemptions, Blind Exemptions, Disability Exemptions, etc.

Library:

- Curbside Pickup is still very popular, with over 550 patrons taking advantage of the option in June.
- Last year, about 600 items circulated digitally, compared to 1,223 items this year. Online resource use continues to be double now that people have realized they have a safe stay-at-home way to use their library, and they have learned how to use the convenient Libby app on their devices.
- Staff continues to report to work on a daily basis, with staggered schedules and reduced part-time hours. In addition to offering curbside services and telephone/e-mail reference assistance, staff members are ordering and cataloging new materials to keep the collection up-to-date, learning new safety procedures, re-configuring the library technology, and continuing to do all of the ‘behind the scenes’ work they do to maintain the library’s operations.
- The library continues to move forward in the reopening process. Physical furniture and materials have been moved, PPE has started to arrive, and staff training has begun. Official re-open dates are TBA, but they will include limited hours, appointment-based computer access, and continued curbside pick-up to maintain patron safety.

Cossitt Branch:

- The Cossitt branch remains closed to the public. However, materials are being brought down to the Main Branch by request for patron checkouts so the collection is fully available.
- The final draft of the Condition Assessment prepared by Architectural Preservation Studio, DPC for the Cossitt Restoration/Renovation project has been received. The Cossitt Project Committee has forwarded some subsequent questions to the firm and plans to meet with them to review their findings within the next few weeks.

Programming:

- During the month of June, the library continued to post virtual story times and videos to the Facebook account.
• Starting in July, a “live” story time for families looking to interact with the library staff will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
• In June, the library began curbside craft programs that provide children, teens and adults with the supplies and instructions they need to create fun crafts. During the months of June and July, about 150 people have taken advantage of this opportunity and participated in this socially-distanced program.
• In June, the library hosted four Zoom programs for adults and teens and several additional virtual programs are planned for July.
• The all-ages Summer Reading Program, “Good in Granby!” continues through July. Patrons receive a raffle ticket when they check out materials or pick up craft kits and some local businesses have generously donated gift cards to serve as the raffle prizes.

Police Department:

The Granby Police Department is currently staffed at the authorized level of 16 sworn officers. However, one supervisor is out of work due to a knee injury and another supervisor is working in a light duty status due to a back injury.

The department kept operational changes in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to protect the public and our employees. The changes are to minimize the chance of spreading or contracting the disease, to comply with the Governor’s orders, and to adapt to changes in operational procedures with other state and municipal agencies. We have now had seven officers with either potential exposure to COVID-19 or symptoms. All officers tested for COVID-19 were negative. They were, however, out of work waiting for test results and/or symptoms to resolve.

A sampling of some of the cases responded to or investigated by the Granby Police Department since the last report is highlighted below:

**June 29, 2020**
A car was stolen overnight from Meetinghouse Road.

**June 29, 2020**
Assault 3rd and Breach of Peace warrant arrest of a West Granby Road man that stemmed from a domestic dispute.

**June 29, 2020**
There was an accident on Wells Road at about 5:35 p.m., where a car had gone off the road. The operator was arrested for Driving under the Influence, with a blood alcohol count four times the legal limit.

**July 2020**
Car thefts and thefts from cars continue to be a problem in Granby and the region. Most thefts are from unlocked cars. The cars that are stolen usually have the keys or key FOBs in them and the cars are unlocked.

**July 14, 2020**
For the second time in a month, a political sign was vandalized at a home in the 400 block of Salmon Brook Street. The signs had been burned or spray painted.
Public Works:

Building Maintenance:

- All town buildings are disinfected on a daily basis.
- Kearns School is monitored for building maintenance and concerns as time permits. One boiler and one circulator pump are off-line and in need of repair prior to the winter months.
- Protective Plexiglas dividers have been built and installed in all town hall offices to create a separation between employees and residents.

Road Work:

- Roads included in the 2020 road overlay program are: Elizabeth, Crest, Lost Acres, Harvey, Donahue, Heather, Nestor and Acorn. All of these roads have been chip sealed and will be followed up with a couple of different applications for a top coat. After the final application, driveway aprons will be installed and curbs will be back filled. All residents that live on these streets have been notified by way of a flyer as to the work being done and have also been told that there may be times of inconvenience.
- Sixteen basins have been repaired and tops replaced.
- Curbing has been removed and will be prepared for replacement.
- Drainage concerns have been addressed.
- Pothole patching is ongoing as needed.
- Removal of broken curb and repairs of lawns damaged due to winter operations have been completed.
- Estimates are being put together for bridge repairs.

Equipment and Maintenance:

- Repairs are ongoing to police, senior vans, and DPW equipment.

Grounds:

- Mowing, string trimming, and watering of annuals continue on a daily basis.

Special Notes:

- DPW staff continues to meet every day needs, but is hampered by the amount of time spent disinfecting vehicles and buildings.
- We are working with a full crew other than the employee-scheduled days off.
- As of 7/16/2020, we have sold and delivered 40 bear barrels to residents.
- In November 2019, I requested OSHA to conduct a site visit of the DPW building and to review our employee procedures and operations. The benefit of doing this is two-fold: first for employee’s safety; and second; to eliminate any potential fines should OSHA conduct a random site visit. Since this time, we dedicated one employee to updating our procedures, trainings, and policies.
- Hungary and Griffin Road bridges are currently in the design/permitting stages with the target date of April 2021 for shovels to be in the ground.
- Moosehorn is also in the beginning stages of design/permitting and public awareness. There is a tentative date of September 9th and 10th to set up a public awareness meeting to discuss plans for replacement.
• We are also working with the town Emergency Management Department to coordinate efforts to keep the residents of the Moosehorn bridge area safe.
• MIRA's recycling facility suffered enough damage from a fire that they were forced to shut down and Paine's is currently delivering the recyclables to Berlin. As of 7/16/20, this is still happening and will possibly continue for a couple more weeks.

Registrar of Voters:

• It has been a very busy month at the Registrar's office. Applications to register to vote and to make changes are starting to climb, as expected during a Presidential election year.
• Sufficient cleaning supplies for the Primary have been secured. Disposable disinfecting wipes have not yet come in but a backup plan of bleach solution with paper towels is in place.
• A meeting with Public Works was held and two stand-alone Plexiglas shields will be made. They are needed for the election and the primaries.
• Scanners have been installed in the office to assist the Town Clerk enter AB applications. Over one thousand have been processed.
• Next week the LHS optical scanners and IVS ballot marking systems will be serviced and certified for 2020.
• Although a few new poll workers were secured this month, sources for more poll workers are needed as five more poll workers dropped out due to the pandemic. A large number of backup options are needed to ensure adequate staffing on August 11th.
• The party chairs have been contacted to ensure they have a pandemic safe plan for their members on August 11th. It was suggested they send only one representative.
• We are awaiting a call from the contractor who will deep clean the high school after the Primary.
• Communication continues with the schools to finalize plans for the primary.
• Communication continues with the Secretary of the State (SOTS) about the cyber resilience review. The current plan is not to participate, unless notification from the SOTS is received that it is a requirement due to elections being classified as critical infrastructure by Homeland Security.
• Staff attends webinars on how to administer a safe election during a pandemic. This week included how Wisconsin handled the new guidelines.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk's Office has been exceptionally busy inputting absentee ballot applications into the State Voter Registration System for the upcoming primary on August 11, 2020. The two Registrar of Voters, along with the Town Clerk staff, have been working together to get the initial stack of applications processed. As of the close of Wednesday July 15th, 1,058 applications have been received and processed. Applications arrive daily and that will continue into the next few weeks.

In addition, the regular daily work of land record recordings, issuing of marriage licenses and certified copies of vital records, dog licensing renewals, etc., continues.
July 2nd, 2020

The Honorable Governor Ned Lamont
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Secretary Melissa McCaw
Office of Policy & Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134

Dear Governor Lamont, Secretary McCaw, and Acting Commissioner Gifford,

I write to you today in response to the concerns shared by my local health departments and municipal officials regarding the 8.5% reduction in local per capita funding for FY 2021. At a time when our local health departments have stepped up to meet the unprecedented demands brought upon by the Covid-19 pandemic, this cut in funding is wildly disappointing.

Over the past 5 months we have seen our health departments take on entirely new responsibilities and roles in helping to keep our residents safe and healthy. To now follow through with a budgeted cut in light of recent events is even more frustrating. As it has been reported numerous times, the threat of a second wave either in the fall or at a later date is a serious concern for many. Knowing that our local health departments will inevitably be tasked with additional responsibilities from the state Department of Public Health, I struggle to understand why we are not increasing their funding, rather than decreasing.

While much of the focus during the past several months has rightly been centered on the response to Covid-19, it is also worth noting that health departments have continued to be available for the many other services they provide. Whether inspecting restaurants, testing well water, providing assistance to the municipalities they serve or any other of the wide variety of roles they play, it is time we start to fully invest in their services.
In the Farmington Valley and across the Northwest Corner, the health departments I represent cover 30 towns. This is an impressive demonstration of their ability to provide high quality service on a regional basis. I am very concerned that as these reductions in funding continue, they will no longer be able to provide the service and resources that our residents and businesses expect and deserve.

I of course recognize the fiscal climate our state is in and understand the difficult choices that must be made. Reducing funding to local health districts during a pandemic is simply the wrong approach. As always, I remain willing and ready to help be a part of the solutions to these challenges and welcome an opportunity to work with you all on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kevin Witkos  
State Senator, 8th District  

Cc. Jennifer Kertanis, MPH, Director of Health, Farmington Valley Health District  
Robert Rubbo, MPH, Director of Health, Torrington Area Health District
Lamont won't back $330M trash plant subsidy

July 15, 2020

Lamont won't back $330M trash plant subsidy | Hartford Business Journal
permanent trash export operation is also a nonstarter. It's time for new ideas.

"I cannot support sending hundreds of millions of state taxpayer or electric ratepayer dollars to MRRA to attempt to keep a management strategy to exporting."

In a statement Tuesday, Lamont rejected the $330 million needed capital investment as well as shifting the state's waste.

unless the state made a financial commitment by August, warning that it would have to ship trash to out-of-state landfills.

Recycling Authority (MRRA) voted in late May to end its effort to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with a private operator.

"Overhaul of the state's largest waste incinerator"

of Red Lamont has made it crystal clear that $330 million in taxpayer funds won't be forthcoming to help upgrade an

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measures [waste on a time-or-quality-limited basis so long as it was coupled with other innovative or environmentally friendly] Dykes also wrote that such a plan could "arguably" conform with the State's current waste strategies "by providing for transfer of waste for composting." Dykes said that might include unit-based pricing for solid waste disposal, greater promotion of recycling and separation of food waste, management system self-sufficiency with predictable costs, Dykes asked MiRAs to draft by Sept. 15, an operating plan that considers alternative mechanisms for keeping the State's waste materials management strategies." This alternative is consistent with MiRAs statutory requirements," Dykes wrote, "it is unclear whether DEEP will be able to reflect in an alternative plan to transform the plant into a mass waste transfer station for shipping waste out of state.

Kate Dykes, Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, wrote to MiRAs board on Tuesday.

MiRAs' trash-to-energy plant on the Connecticut River in Hartford's South Meadows.
Roundup Maker to Pay $10 Billion to Settle Cancer Suits

Bayer faced tens of thousands of claims linking the weedkiller to cases of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Some of the money is set aside for future cases.

Bayer, the world’s largest seed and pesticide producer, added Roundup to its portfolio when it acquired Monsanto. Credit...Daniel Acker/Bloomberg

By Patricia Cohen

- June 24, 2020Updated 2:05 p.m. ET

Bayer, the world’s largest seed and pesticide maker, has agreed to pay more than $10 billion to settle tens of thousands of claims in the United States that its popular weedkiller Roundup causes cancer, the company said Wednesday.
The figure includes $1.25 billion to deal with potential future claims from people who used Roundup and may develop the form of cancer known as non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in the years to come.

“It’s rare that we see a consensual settlement with that many zeros on it,” said Nora Freeman Engstrom, a professor at Stanford University Law School.

Bayer, a German company, inherited the legal morass when it bought Roundup’s manufacturer, Monsanto, for $63 billion in June 2018. It has repeatedly maintained that Roundup is safe and will continue to sell the product without adding a warning on the label.

The settlement, which covers an estimated 95,000 cases, was extraordinarily complex because it includes separate agreements with 25 lead law firms whose clients will receive varying amounts.

Most of the lawsuits filed early on were brought by homeowners and groundskeepers, although they account for only a tiny portion of Roundup’s sales. Farmers are the biggest customers, and many agricultural associations contend glyphosate, the key ingredient in Roundup, is safe and effective.

Bayer still faces at least 25,000 claims from plaintiffs who have not agreed to be part of the settlement.

“This is nothing like the closure they’re trying to imply,” said Fletch Trammell, a Houston-based lawyer who said he represented 5,000 claimants not taking part in the settlement. “It’s like putting out part of a house fire.”

But Kenneth R. Feinberg, the Washington lawyer who oversaw the mediation process, said he expected most current plaintiffs to eventually join the settlement.

“In my experience, all those cases that have not yet been settled will quickly be resolved by settlement,” said Mr. Feinberg, a veteran mediator best known for running the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. “I will be surprised if there are any future trials.”

Bayer said the amount set aside to settle current litigation was $8.8 billion to $9.6 billion, including a cushion to cover claims not yet resolved. It said the settlement included no admission of liability or wrongdoing.

Individuals, depending on the strength of their cases, will receive payments of $5,000 to $250,000, according to two people close to the negotiations.

The coronavirus outbreak, which has closed courts across the country, may have pushed the plaintiffs and the company to come to an agreement.

“The pandemic worked to the advantage of settlement because the threat of a scheduled trial was unavailable,” Mr. Feinberg said.

Talks began more than a year ago at the prompting of Judge Vince Chhabria of U.S. District Court in San Francisco, who was overseeing hundreds of federal Roundup lawsuits.

Judge Chhabria appointed Mr. Feinberg to lead negotiations for an agreement that would include all the cases, including thousands of others filed in state courts and other jurisdictions.
The $1.25 billion set aside for future plaintiffs will be applied to a class-action suit being filed in Judge Chhabria’s court on behalf of those who have used Roundup and may later have health concerns.

Part of the $1.25 billion will be used to establish an independent expert panel to resolve two critical questions about glyphosate: Does it cause cancer, and if so, what is the minimum dosage or exposure level that is dangerous?

If the panel concludes that glyphosate is a carcinogen, Bayer will not be able to argue otherwise in future cases — and if the experts reach the opposite conclusion, the class action’s lawyers will be similarly bound.

Pressure on Bayer for a settlement has been building over the past year after thousands of lawsuits piled up and investors grew more vocal about their discontent with the company’s legal approach.

Just weeks after the deal to purchase Monsanto was completed in 2018, a jury in a California state court awarded $289 million to Dewayne Johnson, a school groundskeeper, after concluding that glyphosate caused his cancer. Monsanto, jurors said, had failed to warn consumers of the risk.

In March 2019, a second trial, this time in federal court in California, produced a similar outcome for Edwin Hardeman, a homeowner who used Roundup on his property, and an $80 million verdict.

Two months later, a third jury delivered a staggering award of more than $2 billion to a couple, Alva and Alberta Pilliod, who argued that decades of using Roundup caused their non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

“Plaintiffs have gone to the plate three times and hit it out of the park,” Ms. Engstrom at Stanford said. “When you see they’re batting a thousand, and thousands more cases are waiting in the wings, that spells a very bleak picture for Monsanto.”

All three monetary awards were later reduced by judges and Bayer appealed the verdicts, but the losses rattled investors and the stock price tumbled sharply. Those cases are unaffected by Wednesday’s settlement.

Glyphosate was introduced in 1974, but its journey to becoming the world’s No. 1 weedkiller gained momentum in 1996 after Monsanto developed genetically modified seeds that could survive Roundup’s concentrated attacks on weeds.

Farmers quickly latched onto the agricultural products to reduce costs and increase crop yields. In the United States, for example, 94 percent of soybean crops and roughly 90 percent of cotton and corn now come from genetically altered seeds.

Those seeds have ensured that Roundup’s continued popularity even though many competitors entered the market after the glyphosate patent expired in 2000. Farmers were also able to abandon some pesticides and herbicides considered more dangerous at the time.

By contrast, consumers around the world were profoundly worried about the effects of eating genetically modified food and the chemical’s environmental impact.

Long-simmering anxieties exploded in 2015 when the International Agency for Research on Cancer, an arm of the World Health Organization, announced that glyphosate could “probably” cause cancer.
Rather than ending the debate over glyphosate’s safety, the report became another battlefield where opponents argued about the influence of politics on science.

Monsanto denounced the findings, arguing that years of research in laboratories and in the field had proved glyphosate’s safety. Regulators in a string of countries in Asia, Australia, Europe and North America have mostly backed Monsanto’s — and now Bayer’s — position.

The longest and most thorough study of American agricultural workers by the National Institutes of Health, for example, found no association between glyphosate and overall cancer risk, though it did acknowledge that the evidence was more ambiguous at the highest levels of exposure.

The Environmental Protection Agency ruled last year that it was a “false claim” to say on product labels that glyphosate caused cancer. The federal government offered further support by filing a legal brief on the chemical manufacturer’s behalf in its appeal of the Hardeman verdict. It said the cancer risk “does not exist” according to the E.P.A.’s assessment.

Then in January, the agency issued another interim report, which “concluded that there are no risks of concern to human health when glyphosate is used according to the label and that it is not a carcinogen.”

This week, a federal judge in California referred to the agency’s pronouncement when it ruled that the state could not require a cancer warning on Roundup, writing that “that every government regulator of which the court is aware, with the exception of the I.A.R.C., has found that there was no or insufficient evidence that glyphosate causes cancer.”

The National Association of Wheat Growers, the National Corn Growers Association and the U.S. Durum Growers Association, among other farm groups, supported Bayer’s challenge.

Critics have countered that regulators based their conclusions on flawed and incomplete research provided by Monsanto. Several cities and districts around the world have banned or restricted glyphosate use, and some stores have pulled the product off its shelf.

Part of the discrepancy between the international agency’s conclusions and so many other investigators’ findings is related to differences in the questions that were asked and the way the data was selected and analyzed.

The international agency, in essence, was asking whether glyphosate has the potential to cause cancer. Its researchers judged the chemical “probably carcinogenic to humans,” and added it to a list that already included beef, pork, mobile phone use, dry cleaning and working night shifts. Glyphosate escaped a stronger classification — “carcinogenic to humans” — that includes bacon, red wine, sun exposure, tobacco and plutonium.

Government regulators, by contrast, are looking at the risk that glyphosate will actually cause cancer given most people’s levels of exposure. Sharks, for example, are potentially dangerous. But people who stay out of the water are not at much risk of being attacked.

Several scientists on both sides of the divide, though, acknowledge that there is still a lot they don’t know about the longer-term effects of such a widely used chemical.

In court, lawyers argued over the available scientific evidence. Perhaps most damaging for the defendants, though, were revelations that reinforced Monsanto’s image as a company that people love to hate.
Monsanto’s aggressive tactics to influence scientific opinion and discredit critics undercut the company’s credibility. It had taken aim at hundreds of activists, scientists, journalists, politicians, and even musicians. At one point, a team monitored Neil Young’s social media postings after he released an album, “The Monsanto Years,” in 2015 and a short film that attacked the company and genetically modified food.

“There’s a fair amount of evidence about Monsanto being pretty crass about this issue,” Judge Chhabria of the U.S. District Court in San Francisco said when he reviewed the Hardeman verdict last summer. “Monsanto didn’t seem concerned at all about getting at the truth of whether glyphosate caused cancer.”

A confidential report from a consulting firm that Monsanto hired in 2018 also warned that the company’s scorched-earth tactics were not helping. Even among people within the E.P.A. who viewed glyphosate as safe, the report said, “there is frustration over what some see as your stubborn resistance to taking seriously evidence that challenges your thinking.”

With Bayer’s purchase in 2018, the Monsanto brand ceased to exist, but the shadows on its public image persisted.

Bayer announced Wednesday that it would separately spend up to $400 million to settle claims stemming from another Monsanto chemical, dicamba, that can drift after it is sprayed and damage other crops. Bayer also put aside $820 million to settle longstanding lawsuits related to toxic chemicals in the water supply known as PCBs — for polychlorinated biphenyls — that were banned in the United States four decades ago.
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