

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

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January 2, 2024

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

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
 Charles Orluk, Student Liaison
 Ben LaVigne, Student Liaison

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino led members of the Board of Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2023

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of December 18, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann at which time discussion took place regarding Old Business Item A. and that it should be noted that the Human Resource Director position ins an increase in hours and not a new position. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino also noted that the headings on page 3 needed to be corrected. After a brief discussion the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote (5/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

III. APPOINTMENTS

- First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Democratic Town Committee and the Republican Town Committee have made recommendations to reappoint members to various boards and commissions.

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby reappoints the following members:

That Judith H. Jones (U) be reappointed to the Commission on Aging for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2026, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That David Desiderato (D) be reappointed to the Conservation Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Zachary R. Donais (D) be reappointed to the Conservation Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Martin F. Schwager (R) be reappointed to the Development Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Matthew L. Brady (D) be reappointed to the Development Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Anna K. Sogliuzzo (D) be reappointed to the Development Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Frederic B. Jones (R) be reappointed to the Inland & Wetlands Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Susan K. Okie (R) be reappointed to the Inland & Wetlands Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That John L. Laudati (D) be reappointed to the Inland & Wetlands Commission for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2028, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Judith C. Guarco (R) be reappointed to the Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Kristal A. Fiorentino (R) be reappointed to the Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Hillary R. Peterson (R) be reappointed to the Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2027, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

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That Catherine D. Watso (U) be reappointed to the Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2027, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee;

That Jennifer P. Bilodeau (R) be reappointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2026, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Greg K. Dion (R) be reappointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2026, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Sheryl Litchfield (R) be reappointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2026, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee;

That Stephen M. Simard (D) be reappointed to the Park & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and ending January 8, 2026, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann which passed by a unanimous voice vote **(5/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

- First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino reminded members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town Treasurer, John Adams and the Town Attorney, Rich Roberts/ Halloran Sage also needed to be reappointed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby reappoints John Adams as the Town Treasurer and Rich Roberts of Halloran Sage as the Town Attorney.

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Call for Three Board Meeting

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that each year the Board of Selectmen calls for a Three Board Meeting to review the “Plus One” budget with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and the Board of Finance.

Selectman Kelly O. Rome made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen approves holding the Three Board meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

B. Consideration and Possible Action to Extend Hours Polls are Open for Budget Referendum

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-9b requires that, for budget referendum, polls are open from noon to 8:00 p.m. and that the statute permits the Board of Selectmen to allow the polls to open an earlier hour, but no earlier than 6:00 a.m. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino is recommended that the Board consider setting the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and that doing so would be more consistent with other municipal elections and would increase the opportunity for citizens to vote on the budget.

Selectman Kelly O. Rome made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby sets the hours for the Annual Budget Referendum from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 15, 2024, in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town Managers' Report included reports from the various Town Departments.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT

No First Selectman Report was offered.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS

Charles Orluk, Student Liaison updated members of the Board of Selectmen that midterms were coming up.

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Ben LaVigne, Student Liaison updated members of the Board of Selectmen that all Winter Sports are in full swing, and that basketball has games every week and that all of the seasons are progressing very well.

IX. PUBLIC SESSION

No Public Input was offered.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session took place.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:13 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Mark C. Neumann and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(5/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan

Town Clerk

Received for Record January 10, 2024, at 3:40 PM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk