

TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
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PRESENT: Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman; Mark C. Neumann, Vice-Chairman; Margaret Q. Chapple, Frederick A. Moffa, Kelly O. Rome (Remote Via Zoom), Ben Lavigne, and Zainab Zafar, Student Liaisons

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Walsh, Town Manager, Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance, Jen Espinal, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. First Selectman Mark Fiorentino called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino, by Proclamation recognized Ben Lavigne, Student Liaison, for his service to the Board of Selectmen for the past two years. Ben has provided updates on current events at the High School and has been a voice on town issues. Ben exemplifies The Granby Spirit of volunteerism through his work at food pantries, local hiking trails, and mentoring young tennis players at camp each summer. Mr. Lavigne has numerous academic achievements worth noting, such as the Yale Model United Nations Award, The AAL Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, and the Core Values Award for World Languages, as a shortened version of Ben's accomplishments. Ben is also recognized as a leader of the Granby Memorial High School Class of 2025 through his services as Secretary of the Senior Class and VP of the DECA which carried over to his athletics in all four years of his High School career. Ben played soccer, indoor track, and tennis leading all three teams as Captain in his Senior year. Additionally, to balancing his academics, Ben has also worked as a Certified US Soccer referee and started his own landscaping business.

Ben shared that he will be attending McGill, in Montreal, Canada under the faculty of Arts. He plans to focus on a degree in Psychology. Ben also described his career in the landscaping business, which included various services.

Members of the Board thanked Ben for his years of service and express their fondness for Ben's accomplishments.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Approval Of Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop Minutes - March 6, 2025

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (5-0-0) to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes of March 6, 2025, as presented.

2.2. Approval Of Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop Minutes - March 10, 2025

ON A MOTION by M. Chapple, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (5-0-0) to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes of March 10, 2025, as presented.

2.3. Approval Of Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop Minutes - March 13, 2025

ON A MOTION by F. Moffa, seconded by M. Chapple the Board voted (5-0-0) to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes of March 13, 2025, as presented.

2.4. Approval Of Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2025

Minutes for the Budget Workshop Meeting on March 17, 2025, were approved during the April 21, 2025, NO MOTION or VOTE is required.

2.5. Approval Of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2025

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by M. Chapple, the Board voted (5-0-0) to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2025, as presented.

3. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments presented.

4. COMMUNICATION

None presented

5. OLD BUSINESS

First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino will address the questions received as communications on the Barn Door Hills later, during the First Selectman's Report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Approval of Application Submittal for DCF YS Bureau Grant

Town Manager, Mike Walsh, gave a summary of the application process and grant.

ON A MOTION by M. Chapple, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (5-0-0) to approve the motion for Town Manager, Mike Walsh to continue with the application for the DCF YS Bureau Grant, as presented.

6.2. Consideration Of FY25 Capital Equipment Loans

First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino, noted that there is a minor revision to the memo, and that it will be updated as well as the website, substantially the same.

Town Manager, Mike Walsh, provided an explanation on the Capital Equipment Loans.

Kimi, Finance Director secured quotes for capital equipment with three banks, and explained the difference between interfund loan, a Capital Equipment Loan, and STIF.

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (5-0-0) to waive the reading of the Resolution, with a MOTION to adopt the Resolution to initiate this year's lease agreement as follows:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, FINANCING AND LEASING OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Granby is entering into Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreements ("Lease Agreement") and/or Loan Agreements in an amount up to \$438,000 for four and one-half years with the TD Bank;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these Agreements are hereby approved and that the action of the official of the Town of Granby in signing these Agreements on behalf of it be, and is hereby, ratified, confirmed, and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of the Town of Granby, be, and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign on its behalf the Agreements and any addenda, schedules, notes, loans, and security agreement, UCC financing statements, disbursement authorization, statement of essential use, or other instruments issued under the provisions of the Agreements, and any other instruments or documents which may be necessary or expedient in connection with agreements upon or in fulfillment of the provisions of the Agreements.

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager, Mike Walsh, being that it is the first meeting of the month, gave a consolidated overview of departmental activities. Full detailed report is available as part of the Board of Selectmen packet.

Opportunity for questions, none were presented.

8. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT

First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino gave a detailed presentation on the issue at 16 Barn Door Hills Road.

9. SELECTMAN REPORTS

Vice-Chairman, M. Neumann gave an update on Granby America 250 Commission. The first organizational meeting with the first four members was held last Wednesday and they will meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. Agendas will be posted, and meeting minutes will be done.

Zainab Zafar, Student Liaison shared that AP exams started for the next two weeks. Softball had a game, awaiting results. Golf was also scheduled. The robotics team also demonstrated their robot, described as an insightful experience. This week is Teachers' Appreciation week, the YES Club (Young Educators Society) helped by offering students the opportunity to write cards for teachers. Finally, the band chorus and drama are headed to Broadway on a trip this Saturday to watch a Broadway show and to enhance their music skills. Ms. Zafar reported that the sales on the reusable journal are going well, 89 sold out of the 100.

Ben Lavigne, Student Liaison reported that a foreign food fest was held by French Honor Society. The funds will be going towards scholarships. Granby Road Race was a success. Granby High School students volunteered and/or participated. Senior Water Wars has finished with Jake and Alec as winners. Prom is in two weeks, so all senior traditions are speeding up. Granby Trivia Night the Buzz Bros won, made up of 3 Granby seniors.

Ben thanked the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to be on the Board. Mr. Fiorentino welcomed him to return to be one of the Selectman in the future.

10. PUBLIC SESSION

Celeste Johnson, 27 Barn Door Hills Road, expressed concerns with the farming products.

Stephanie Harper, 48 Barn Door Hills Road, thanked the Board for answering her questions. Ms. Harper has concerns with the signage and had concerns with the communication.

Danielle Johnston, 42 Barn Door Hills Road, raised concerns with the reporting and communication from the farmer.

Lee (Oleta) Shaw, 1 Barn Door Hills Road, expressed confusion on the DEEP process. Suggested soil testing before and after the season. Trash receptacles should be bear-proof canisters.

Mindy Deliso, 28 Barn Door Hills Road, has concerns with the numerous homes affected, signage on the property, and overnight vehicles left at the farm.

First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino addressed the concerns, accepts the invitation to walk the property later on this year.

Mike Walsh, Town Manager, noted that the farmer agreed to have a trail each day that will be moved at the end of the night. The trailer will have a wash station, a bathroom, and a trash receptacle.

First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino, encouraged the diligence in communication and reporting to continue, for the Board to take actions as necessary. Mr. Walsh, Town Manager recommended that if vehicles are there after hours, to report to dispatch.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items for Executive Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by M. Chapple, the Board voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:32p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

A full version of the meeting can be found at Granby Community Television <https://gctv16.org/>

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Jen Espinal

Town Clerk

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