

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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August 7, 2023

Members Present: First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino
 Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple
 Selectman Frederick A. Moffa

Members Absent: Selectman Mark C. Neumann
 Selectman Kelly O. Rome

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
 Kimi Cheng, Finance Director
 Charles Orluk, Student Liaison
 Chairman Edward Ohannessian, Charter Commission
 Commissioner Rebecca Brewer, Charter Commission
 Commissioner Benjamin Perron, Charter Commission
 Commissioner Anthony McGovern, Charter Commission
 Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn, Charter Commission

The Hon. Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. 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. After the Pledge of Allegiance, First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino asked members of the community to keep the Neumann and Hensndorf families in their thoughts and prayers as Diane Neumann Hensndorf passed away on Monday, August 7, 2023, and that Diane Neumann Hensndorf had devoted decades of service to the Town of Granby and that we owe her a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – July 17, 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 July 17, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a unanimous voice vote (3/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

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III. APPOINTMENTS

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino noted that the Board of Selectmen had recently received a recommendation for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Park Commission created by the resignation of Suzanne L. Yucha.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby appoints Julie E. Haefner (D) to the Park Commission for a term beginning effective immediately and ending January 14, 2025, as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a unanimous voice vote (3/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business took place.

V. BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Katherine Leenders to the Board of Education Until the next Biennial Election

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino noted that the Board of Selectmen had recently received a recommendation for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education created by the resignation of Sarah Thrall on July 24, 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 appoints Katherine H. Leenders (R) to the Board of Education to fill a vacancy term beginning immediately and ending November 20, 2023, as recommended by the Republican Town Committee.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a unanimous voice vote (3/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

Addressing members of the Board of Selectmen, Katherine Leenders introduced herself and noted that she was excited about the opportunity to serve the Town. After the motion, First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino administered the oath of office to Katherine Leenders.

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B. Consideration of Charter Revision Final Draft Report

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Charter Revision Commission had concluded their work and that the Final Draft Report had been submitted on August 1, 2023, to the Town Clerk. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino indicated that the Charter Revision Commission had reconsidered the three items that the Board of Selectmen had previously requested which were to give additional consideration to the following sections: 3-1(b) General Powers and Duties of Elective Officers; 3-11(a) Conflict of Interest; and 11 – 3(c) When a Town Meeting is required.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino explained to members of the Board of Selectmen that the next step was to approve the proposed revisions and edits to the Town Charter in toto, in part, or reject the proposed changes in toto.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby accepts the Final Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission and places the following question on the November 7, 2023, ballot:

“Shall the Granby Town Charter be amended as recommended in the Final Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission of July 26, 2023, as approved by the Board of Selectmen? Yes or no”.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple which passed by a unanimous voice vote (3/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Consideration and Approval of Additional Transfer of Accounts for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance informed members of the Board of Selectmen that at the July 17, 2023, Board of Selectmen meeting, the board approved a \$50,000 transfer to the Wage Settlement/Sev account for anticipated retirement. Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance explained there are four employees eligible for retirement in addition to the one who already announced and that two of the four have expressed and sought retirement information in the past and one just notified the Finance Office in August 2023 of their retirement in December 2023. Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance requests that the Board consider allocating an additional \$150,000 in funding to support these retirements.

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Transfer From		Transfer To	
Business Package	\$20,000	Wage Settlement/Sev	\$150,000
Workmen's Comp	\$30,000		
PW G&E Maint. PR Reg	\$30,000		
Library PR Reg	\$25,000		
Mid-CT Tipping Fee	\$20,000		
Electricity	\$25,000		
Total:	\$150,000	Total:	\$150,000

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen authorizes the transfer of accounts as listed in the above table.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a unanimous voice vote (3/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

D. Consideration and Approval of Reappropriation of BOE Expenditure to Capital Equipment/ Improvement Fund

Kimi Cheng, Finance Director informed members of the Board of Selectmen that at the May 15, 2023, Board of Selectmen meeting, the board approved an additional appropriation request from the Board of Education and that at the May 22, 2023, Board of Finance meeting the Board approved an appropriation not to exceed \$347,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the BOE Expenditure line item to cover the negative full-year forecast in special education tuition and transportation costs. Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance also explained that due to the change in the direction of the forecast, Board can consider reappropriating \$347,000 to the Capital Equipment/ Improvement Fund to cover any unforeseeable small capital maintenance and repair projects.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby approves the reappropriation of \$347,000 from BOE expenditure to the Capital Equipment/ Improvement Fund.

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The motion was seconded by Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple which passed by a unanimous voice vote (3/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES.**

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino thanked the various departments for providing an update on the Town Manager's report and asked members of the Board of Selectmen if they had any questions regarding the reports that have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Margaret Q. Chapple inquired about the Parks & Recreation Waterfront fun event and wanted to know what the date was.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino updated members of the Board of Selectmen regarding the search for a Town Manager and explained that they are nearing the selection of a consultant to assist the Town Manager's search and that more information would be provided soon.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino thanked cadets from the Lost Acres Fire Department for their hard work planning and organizing the car show this past weekend and that they did a great job.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town had received copies of the annual report from the Farmington Valley Health District and the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association and that if members wanted a copy of the report to please let him know.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town had received a recognition award from the Government Officers Finance Association and that the Town had received this certificate of achievement for nearly seventeen consecutive years.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS

Charles Orluk, Student Liaison informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the schools were still on summer break and that the fall sports were beginning to start conditioning and that some great teachers retired last year, and that new teachers were being introduced.

IX. PUBLIC SESSION

John Marrone (*15 Maple Hill Dive*) addressed members of the Board of Selectmen about The Grand that he had heard one of the tenants had a gun and the four police units had responded, however, he couldn't verify that information. Mr. Marrone further explained his concern with the amount of move-out destruction that he had heard had been occurring such as appliance removal and hammering

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the walls. Mr. Marrone further noted that he had checked the Granby Police Log and noted that there had been some burglaries and larcenies had occurred and inquired if there was something driving these crimes.

Michael Fusick (*55 Northwoods Road*) addressed members of the Board of Selectmen about a hardship that his family was facing regarding their property on Northwoods Road and that they purchased their home in 2002. Mr. Fusick explained that a pond on their property is connected to Town owned catch-basins in the neighborhood and inquired whose responsibility it was to maintain the drainage system on the property as he indicated they are jointly used with the property owner and the Town. Mr. Fusick further indicated that the infrastructure is beginning to fail and well out of the responsibilities of the homeowner.

Robert James Flanagan Jr. (*Woodcliff Drive*) addressed members of the Board of Selectmen regarding the Town Police logs and that the Town should be more specific about the crimes that are occurring in the Town of Granby and that when someone is arrested it should be public information and put on a log. Mr. Flanagan requested that members of the Board of Selectmen look into this matter.

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 7:30 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(3/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,

Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

Received for Record August 10, 2023, at 9:19 AM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk