

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 18, 2025**

PRESENT: Mark Fiorentino, First Selectman; Mark Neumann, Vice-Chairman; Margaret Chapple, Frederick Moffa, and Kelly Rome

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Walsh, Town Manager, Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance

First Selectman Mark Fiorentino called the regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. MINUTES

2.I. Approval of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2025

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025, as presented.

3. APPOINTMENTS

3.I. None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.I. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.I. Holcomb Farm Lease and Use Agreements Edits – Re: 87 Simsbury Road
Town Manager Mike Walsh presented the amended and restated Holcomb Farm Lease and Use Agreement for the Board's review. The redlined document included in the meeting materials reflects the addition of 87 Simsbury Road, formerly the United Methodist Church property. The Board members reviewed the document and noted minor corrections and typographical errors which will be corrected in the final agreement.

ON A MOTION by F. Moffa, seconded by M. Chapple, the Board voted (6-0-0) to accept the amended and restated Holcomb Farm Lease and Use Agreement including changes noted in this meeting between the Town of Granby and Holcomb Farm, LLC to incorporate 87 Simsbury Road into the agreement and to direct Town Manager Mike Walsh to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Granby.

5.II. Local Prevention Council Grant Fund Application Approval

Town Manager Mike Walsh presented a request from Community Services Director Sandra Yost for approval from the Board to apply for the 2025 Connecticut Mental Health & Addiction Services grant which supports Local Prevention Councils. If

awarded, Granby Youth Services will use the \$3,020.21 grant to provide prevention programs through the Granby Youth Services Board.

ON A MOTION by K. Rome, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted (6-0-0) to direct Town administration to apply for the Local Prevention Council Grant, and if the grant is successful, to approve the corresponding expenditure of funds to support programs consistent with the intent of the grant.

5.III. Pomeroy Brace FY26 Grant Fund Application Approval

Town Manager Mike Walsh presented a request from Director of Library Services Amber Wyzik for approval from the Board to allow the Friends of the Granby Public Libraries to apply for \$28,000 from the Pomeroy Brace grant to continue the Cossitt Restoration project. If awarded, the Friends of the Granby Public Libraries will immediately donate the grant funds to the Town of Granby. The funds will be used for exterior repairs of the lower-level North and East sides of the building and the installation of new gutters and downspouts. The grant would not require any matching funds.

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (6-0-0) to direct the Friends of the Granby Public Libraries to apply for the Pomeroy Brace Grant in the amount of \$28,000. If the application is successful, the Town will accept the donation of the grant funds from The Friends of the Granby Public Libraires and approve the corresponding expenditure of funds to support capital needs at the Cossitt Library as listed on the Town's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan consistent with the intent of the grant.

5.IV. Town Clerk State of Connecticut Historical Grant Application and Use Approval

Town Manager Mike Walsh presented a request from Town Clerk Jen Espinal for approval from the Board to apply for the Historic Documents Program Grant through the Connecticut State Library. If awarded, the \$5,000 grant will be used to optimize existing storage for better organization, security and long-term preservation of records.

ON A MOTION by M. Chapple, seconded by K. Rome, the Board voted (6-0-0) to authorize Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager and Jen Espinal, Town Clerk, to apply for the FY 2026 Historic Documents Preservation Program Grant. The Board further approves an amendment to the adopted FY 2026 General Fund budget by increasing appropriations and revenues by \$5,000 to support this program. Additionally, the Board authorizes the Town Manager to sign and execute all contracts related to this grant, including agreements with Dupond Storage. This request shall be forwarded to the Board of Finance for final approval.

6. TOWN MANAGER REPORT – PROJECTS AND FINANCIALS

Town Manager Mike Walsh provided an update of ongoing Town of Granby projects and other noteworthy items. The FY26 July year-to-date budget summary and ARPA report through July 31, 2025, as compiled by Finance Director Kimi Cheng was also included. A few of the highlights of the report included:

- Public Works opened the entrance to 229 Mountain Road as preliminary site work began to relocate the new radio tower.
- Reviewing the Sewer Ordinance edits with Town staff.
- Reviewing the annual edits to the Town's Personnel Rules.

- Working on consolidating all 2026 departmental work plans into one master work plan.
- Beginning to review the ACO function to update cost changes for our member towns.
- Creating a medical and OPEB analysis to forecast fund changes proactively.
- Editing a draft Terms Sheet on the Kearns Senior Housing Development.
- Working to provide the BOS an executable SRO agreement.
- Editing the 10-year capital plan for BOS approval and referral to CPPAC.
- Received the final Parks Master Plan Report. The Parks & Rec Board will forward their priorities after their special meeting this month.
- Continued to work through questions and edits on updated agreements with Granby Ambulance, Granby Community TV, and Lost Acres Fire Department.
- Debris on the slope behind Station 280 has been cleaned up.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (Mark Fiorentino)

The First Selectman was the guest speaker at the Senior Men's Breakfast last week. Topics of discussion included the Kearns Senior Housing Project, the Town Center Study, the budget process and speed control in Town.

8. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Margaret Chapple, Frederick Moffa, Mark Neumann, Kelly Rome)

M. Neumann shared that the Granby America 250 Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday and continues to work on plans for celebrating America's 250th birthday in Granby. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town website and those interested can attend in person or through Zoom.

F. Moffa thanked the Department of Public Works for their work on road improvements.

9. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no comments during public session.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted (6-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Betsy Mazzotta
Recording Secretary