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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
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PRESENT: Mark C. Neumann, Vice-Chairman; Frederick A. Moffa, Selectmen, Margaret Q. Chapple, Kelly O. Rome.

PRESENT: Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager, Members of the Public, and Jen Espinal, Town Clerk.

REMOTE: Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman, Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance, Betsy Mazzota, Management Assistant, Cheri P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools, and Members of the Public.

ABSENT: Zainab Zafar and Madeline Ayotte, Student Liaison.

CALL TO ORDER

Selectman, M. Neumann, called the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Granby, Connecticut.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman, Mark C. Neumann.

2. MINUTES

2. I. Approval of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY F. Moffa, seconded by K. Rome, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on September 2, 2025.

3. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

None

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.I. Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Departmental Work Plans

Town Manager, M. Walsh, explained that following voter approval of the annual budget, each department head prepares a work plan of initiatives beyond day-to-day operations. These plans show how departments will use approved funding and are tracked through monthly one-on-one meetings with the Town Manager. The overarching goal is to improve efficiency, resiliency, and progress in town operations.

Walsh encouraged residents to review the full document of departmental initiatives to better understand how the town operates and moves forward.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5. I. 10-Year Capital Plan Approval; to CPPAC

Town Manager, M. Walsh, explained that, beginning in 2023, the town is producing a single comprehensive capital plan that combines both town and Board of Education priorities, as required by the charter. The plan consolidates items such as Town priorities, Board of Education priorities, Parks and Recreation priorities.

While priorities and amounts can still be reshuffled by CPPAC, the document serves as a launching point for long-term planning, including possible bonding referendums.

He encouraged both the board and the community to view this plan with the same weight as the operating budget and engage in robust discussion before it moves forward for voter approval.

Superintendent of Schools, C. Burke, provided an update on the track and field project. While the current estimate remains the best available number, recent additional testing brought positive news. The issues found are not as extensive as initially feared, which should reduce the scope of excavation and overall costs. A final quote is still pending, but the expectation is that the project will come in below the original estimate.

Early assessments highlighted aging infrastructure such as HVAC, sprinkler, and mechanical systems that are outdated, noting that deeper assessments may reveal further needs.

The board discussed how to distinguish between small capital items and large bonding projects within the town's capital plan. CPPAC uses a threshold approach; items below a set amount are considered small capital, while larger items are candidates for bonding.

The discussion emphasized that careful planning and allocation allow the town to balance routine maintenance with long-term capital investments.

A written communication was sent in from Susan Werner on behalf of the Friends of Cossitt Library. The correspondence can be found in the Board of Selectmen Packet.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY F. Moffa, seconded by K. Rome, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) consistent with the Town of Granby Charter, Chapter 10-2, section (d), the board hereby approves the Town of Granby Town and Board of Education 10-Year Capital Plan; and further, to forward the plan to CPPAC to allow the commission to begin their work.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

6.I. Town Manager's Project Report

Town Manager, M. Walsh, provided updates on recent town activities and ongoing initiatives, including refining sewer ordinances, updating personnel rules, consolidating departmental work plans, analyzing post-employment benefits, advancing a school housing project, placing a school resource officer, selling underutilized property, and completing the 10-year capital plan.

The full report is available as part of the Board of Selectmen Packet.

6. II. August Budget Report

The finance department reported that tax collections are on track, state reimbursements have been received, year-to-date expenditures are slightly above last year with lower overtime.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (Mark Fiorentino)

The First Selectman had no updates or reports for this meeting.

8. SELECTMEN REPORTS (Mark C. Neumann, Margaret Q. Chapple, Kelly O. Rome, Frederick A. Moffa)

F. Moffa made remarks on Open Farm Day, at Lost Acres.

M. Neumann thanked the Agricultural Commission for setting up the event each year.

9. PUBLIC SESSION

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION duly made by M. Chapple, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully Recorded & Attested,



Jen Espinal

Town Clerk

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By Jini Ruscitti, Assistant Town Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2025, in the Town Hall Meeting Room.