

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

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September 18, 2023

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

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
 Kimi Cheng, Finance Director
 Charles Orluk, Student Liaison
 Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director

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

Charles Orluk, Student Liaison led members of the Board of Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2023

Selectman Mark C. Neumann 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 August 21, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa which passed by a voice vote of **4** ayes (First Selectman Fiorentino, Selectmen Neumann, Chapple, and Moffa) **0** nays, and **1** abstention (Selectman Rome). **MOTION CARRIES.**

III. APPOINTMENTS

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that no recommendations had been received to take action on.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business took place.

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V. BUSINESS

A. Proclamation – Lewis McIntyre

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino presented a proclamation to Lewis McIntyre in recognition of his service to the Town of Granby which read:

WHEREAS, Lewis McIntyre and his wife Beth have resided in West Granby, CT, for many years, and Lewis has significantly contributed to the community during this time, and

WHEREAS, Stony Hill Village a housing community located in the center of Granby, CT, was founded in 1972, and offers affordable housing for the elderly and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, Lewis McIntyre volunteered and served as Vice President of the Board of Directors for Stony Hill Village for many years, participating in countless meetings, dumpster days, holiday parties, and other community events that helped to enrich this community, and

WHEREAS, Lewis McIntyre was dedicated to ensuring that all had an opportunity to live and remain in the Town of Granby, and he strived to maintain a village atmosphere wherein residents could live enjoyable lives, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Granby commends Lewis McIntyre for the passionate and dedicated service he provided to the residents of Stony Hill Village and the larger community. The Town of Granby extends its gratitude to Lewis McIntyre on behalf of those whose lives were touched by his dedication as well as the generosity of his time, and we extend our best wishes to him in his future endeavors.

B. Consideration and Approval of Additional Appropriation from the Solid Waste Fund for Bear Resistant Trash Barrels and Transfer Station Dumpsters

Finance Director Kimi Cheng, and Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town of Granby's current trash program was instated in July 2009 and as part of the program a 65-gallon trash barrel is provided to each residence in Granby and that the trash barrels are owned by the Town of Granby. Finance Director Kimi Cheng, and Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director explained that due to the increasing bear population in Granby, residents have issues keeping bears out of their trash barrels resulting in many issues including litter, and bears returning regularly as they become accustomed to a food source. Finance Director Kimi Cheng, and Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director further explained that the Town has purchased 104 bear barrels which have been purchased by residents for a one-time fee to cover the cost above what the Town would pay for a standard trash barrel. Finance Director Kimi Cheng, and Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director, also noted that the company requested that the Town purchase a

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minimum of 180, which would logistically be an issue, but received a quote for 75 barrels. Finance Director Kimi Cheng, and Kirk A. Severance, Public Works Director, are requesting an additional appropriation of \$25,964 from the Solid Waste Fund to purchase 75 bear-resistant barrels.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Board of Selectmen hereby approves an additional appropriation of \$35,964 from the Solid Waste Sanitation Fund Balance to fund the purchase of 75 bear resistant barrels and a 40-yard roll-off container and forwards this request to the Board of Finance to approve.

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

C. Update on the Town Manager Search

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that a tentative timeline had been presented which explains the process of the Town Manager's search along with a dedicated email (GranbyTownManager@govhrusa.com) that residents and qualified stakeholders could use to send surveys to, along with what qualifications and characteristics residents think are important so that a profile can be created to advertise the position.

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that there were three reports presented to the Board of Selectmen for their review which included the September 18, 2023, Department Reports, August 2023 Budget Report, and an updated American Rescue Plan Act Report (ARPA).

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino thanked Mark Bombard from Granby Community Television (GCTV) for assisting with the transition of recording the meetings which are uploaded to the GCTV website, and that the Town of Granby's website would now be linked to the GCTV website allowing residents to see meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and watch recorded meetings making it easier for citizens to get the information they are looking for.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that the Town Center Study Committee would be holding their first meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino thanked and congratulated members of the Agricultural Commission for their hard work on Farm Day and said that each year the event gets better and better.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino informed members of the Board of Selectmen that he requested the Board consider adding a standard item on the Board of Selectmen agenda in which they can receive a presentation from a non-profit organization in the community or from one of the many boards/commissions so that the Board of Selectmen can be better informed and identify areas of concern and where they may be able to help.

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino also requested that members of the Board of Selectmen consider adding a second Student Liaison on the Board of Selectmen for continuity and to allow for more leadership opportunities for our students.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS

Selectman Frederick A. Moffa informed members of the Board of Selectmen that Mr. Kenneth King recently passed away and that he had been the athletic director for several years and that he was an outstanding member of the community.

IX. PUBLIC SESSION

Debra Holcomb (*Sullivan Drive*) addressed members of the Board of Selectmen that she is recently relocating back to Granby and that she wanted to meet members of the Board and thanked them for their service to the Town of Granby.

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 Mark C. Neumann made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:28 p.m., which was seconded by Selectman Frederick A. Moffa and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(5/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,

Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

Received for Record September 27, 2023, at 9:47 AM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk