TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
&
THREE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026
MINUTES

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From the Records of the
Town of Granby
as of 2:30 P.M.
January 27, 2026
Attested by:
Jen Espinal

PRESENT: Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman, Margaret Q. Chapple, Vice-Chairman; Mark C. Neumann Kimberly L. Becker, Frederick A. Moffa.

ABSENT: Zainab Zafar and Madeline Ayotte, Student Liaison.

ALSO PRESENT: Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager, Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance, Jen Espinal, Town Clerk, and members of the public.

REMOTE: Betsy Mazzotta, Management Assistant, Amber Wyzik, Director of Library, and members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Selectman, M. Fiorentino, called the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Granby Senior Center Community Room, Granby, Connecticut.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Manager, Michael P. Walsh.

2. MINUTES

2. I. Approval of Board of Selectman Regular Meeting – January 5, 2026.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Neumann, seconded by K. Becker, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on January 5, 2026.

3. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY F. Moffa, seconded by P. Chapple, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the following appointments and reappointments to the various Town of Granby Boards, Commissions, and Committees, as presented, in accordance with the Town Charter, including Unaffiliated, Republican, and Democratic, and further accept the current vacant positions as listed; except that Granby Center Study Committee reappointments are not being voted on since the committee will continue until dissolved by the Board of Selectmen per Resolution adopted June 20, 2023.

Commission on Aging (COA) – Two-Year Terms

First Name	Last Name	Political Party	Term Start	Term Expiration	Type
Judith	Jones	Unaffiliated	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
Donna	Snyder	Unaffiliated	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Appointed to replace Michael L. Lengvarsky
Maureen	Eberly	Republican	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
VACANCY	(Holcomb)				

Conservation Commission – Four-Year Terms

Kent	McCord	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/14/2030	Reappointed
James	Szipszky	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/14/2030	Reappointed
Kara	Marshall	Republican	1/12/2026	1/14/2030	Reappointed

Development Commission – Two-Year Terms

Anna	Sogliuzzo	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
Matthew	Brady	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
Martin	Schwager	Republican	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) – Four-Year Terms

Victoria	Dirienzo	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/14/2030	Reappointed
David	Tolli	Republican	1/12/2026	1/14/2030	Reappointed
Nicholas	Dethlefsen	Republican	1/12/2026	1/14/2030	Reappointed
VACANCY	(Locke)				

Juvenile Review Board – Appointment

Dramere	Graham	Democrat	1/12/2026	No term end date	Appointed

Library Board – Three-Year Terms

First Name	Last Name	Political Party	Term Start	Term Expiration	Type
Michelle	Leibovitz	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/8/2029	Appointed to replace Sandra Fisher
Ellen	Thomson	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/8/2029	Reappointed
Paul	Willis	Republican	1/12/2026	1/8/2029	Reappointed

Parks & Recreation Commission – Two-Year Terms

Valerie	Eastwood	Democrat	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
Greg	Dion	Republican	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
Sheryl	Litchfield	Republican	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
Anthony	McGovern	Unaffiliated	1/12/2026	1/10/2028	Reappointed
VACANCY	(Bilodeau)				

FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Selectmen renew the appointments of the Town Treasurer and Town Attorney in accordance with the applicable Charter provisions.

Appointed Officials – Two-Year Terms

Town Treasurer	John	Adams	Republican	1/12/2026	1/10/2028
Town Attorney	Richard	Roberts, Esq.	N/A	1/12/2026	1/10/2028

First Selectman, M. Fiorentino, swore in Dremere Graham to the Juvenile Review Board for the term indicated above.

Further, Fiorentino swore in Michelle Leibovitz to the Library Board for the term indicated above.

Both newly appointed gave a background history and their interest to serve the Town of Granby.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.I. FY25 Capital Projects Carryovers to FY26 Budget - January 12, 2026

Town Manager, M. Walsh presented the FY25 Capital Projects carryover to FY26 presented as communication only. The document outlines when budgets were approved, the transactions against them, any surplus, and combines FY25 and FY26 amounts. The document is intended to keep everyone aligned on available balances for each project, and all carryover amounts allowable under the town charter.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Consideration of Action for Various Funds with No Activity

The board considered action on funds with no activity, specifically the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 610) with approximately $197,000 and an older School Security Project Fund with approximately $57,000. Director of Finance, K. Cheng requested that the remaining balances be returned to the Capital Non-Recurring Expense Fund, with the Board of Selectmen acting first and the Board of Finance acting second.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY P. Chapple, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the closeout of the School Security Project Fund and the transfers of $56,848.74 from the School Security Project Fund and $193,000 from the $11.4M Capital Projects Fund to the Capital Nonrecurring Expense Fund, and forward this request to the Board of Finance for approval.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

6.I Town Manager's Project Report

Town Manager, M. Walsh, gave an update on several project updates, including continued support for CPPAC as it works toward providing recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Radio Communications Project for first responders, the demolition of the Mountain Road tower has been completed, and the dispatch operations were temporarily relocated to ensuring no calls are dropped during the transition. Time was also spent reviewing and quantifying other post-employment benefits (OPEB), including the valuation process and current and future year projections. Additionally, a "beaver deceiver" was observed in operation at the Silver Brook Lane site. Concluding with an update on the upcoming revaluation process by selection of a suitable vendor, with Sue Altier, Assessor moving that effort forward.

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6.II. Budget Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2025 - Finance Director Kimi Cheng

Finance Director, K. Cheng gave a budget report presenting the period ending December 31, 2025. Tax collections as of December 31 were approximately 66% compared to 69% last year, which was noted as consistent with prior years. The tax levy rate continued to decrease, now at about 3.72%, representing a 28% decrease from the prior month, with approximately $60,000 collected in December. The town received state municipal revenues for veteran tax relief and disability exemptions, with reimbursements about $565 over budget.

On the expenditure side, General Fund spending was approximately 56–59%, consistent with last year. Public Works overtime year-to-date was about $50,000 compared to $36,000 last year, with December overtime of $28,000 versus $20,000, primarily due to four snow events on December 6, 11, 14, and 19.

Police Department overtime year-to-date was approximately $128,000 compared to $95,000 last year, with December overtime of $17,000 versus $14,000, driven in part by a recent retirement that created two vacancies, which are expected to be filled, with overtime continuing until staffing is restored.

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7. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (Mark Fiorentino)

First Selectman, M. Fiorentino noted that he attended a Chamber of Commerce event aimed at reestablishing quarterly meetings with chamber members and representatives from local governments, including Simsbury, to share updates and discuss ongoing initiatives. The meeting was described as helpful for exchanging information and learning about neighboring efforts.

Thanks were extended to Kirk and Abby for attending and preparing the town's presentation.

Appreciation was also expressed to the Public Works Department for their continued efforts.

8. SELECTMEN REPORTS (Margaret Q. Chapple, Kimberly L. Becker, Frederick A. Moffa, Mark C. Neumann; and Madeline Ayotte, Zainab Zafar, Student Liaison)

No reports were given.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

At 6:54 pm, Chairman Fiorentino moved to take a recess. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting recessed and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

10. THREE BOARD MEETING

10.I. Opening Remarks, First Selectman, Mark Fiorentino

First Selectman thanked everyone for their hard work and the members of the public for their participation. The Three Board Meeting is intended to be a high-level discussion of the annual budget process on behalf of the BOS and BOE, to help set budget guidelines.

The FY27 Budget Workshops will begin on March 5, with additional dates on March 9, and March 12 at 5:00 PM.

10.II. Review of Town Plus One Budget - Town Manager, Michael Walsh

Town Manager, M. Walsh, gave a presentation to introduce the "Plus One" General Fund FY27 Budget for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for the Town; providing an early snapshot of the Town's financial condition, and the projected direction of the budget based on preliminary estimates.

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10.III. Review of Board of Education Plus One Budget - Monica Logan, BOE Chairwoman and Cheri Burke, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education, Chair, Monica Longo gave a presentation to introduce the Board of Education's proposed "Plus One" budget for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The budget provides an early outline of district priorities, planning assumptions, and anticipated challenges, including contractual salary and benefit obligations, while seeking efficiencies to support progress toward the vision of Granby Public Schools.

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10.IV. Comments - Michael Guarco, Board of Finance Chairman

Board of Finance, Chair, Michael Guarco gave a presentation which reflects a balanced plan with total expenditures and revenues increasing modestly over the prior year. Board of Selectmen spending grows at a controlled pace, driven primarily by operating costs and small capital investments, while Board of Education expenditures increase to support contractual salary and benefit obligations. On the revenue side, the budget relies primarily on the property tax levy, supported by steady grand list growth and intergovernmental and local revenue sources. Overall, the budget maintains structural balance while continuing to fund core municipal and education services in a fiscally responsible manner.

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10.V. Discussion of Items of Interest Concerning the 2026-2027 Budget

Beth Carroll, 10 Quail Lane, found the small cap helpful, and would like to know the actual net amount of the budget that makes up the mill rate. Resident would like to see organizational charts for both Town and Board of Education.

Bill Glueck, 18 Barkhamsted Road, president of the Granby Taxpayers Alliance, spoke as a taxpayer, and addressed the board raising questions on post-medical healthcare benefits, the sewer fund and bonding, and on the library project. Bill suggests that the proposal of the library space be revisited.

Rebecca Mikus of 14 Stonewall Drive addressed the Board of Education, raising questions about funding for the creative arts and requesting a detailed breakdown of the Students' Activities budget line. She also recommended that the Board review the current condition of the performance stage, which she believes may require repairs.

John Spatcher of 22 Round Hill Road addressed the Board regarding the netting totals. Drawing on his professional background, he provided an overview of how he reviews and interprets the financial presentations shared. He also suggested that the Board of Education review the performance stage for potential repairs.

Curt Johnson, Granby resident, made remarks to the Board of Education on the reduction to the transportation budget line item, for vocational and agricultural.

First Selectman M. Fiorentino addressed the public comments, emphasizing that budget amounts should be presented in a way that is clear and understandable to the public. He noted that post-medical healthcare benefits for retirees have largely been closed on the municipal side; however, police officers' benefits remain in effect. The Board of Education contracts operate differently: new employees are not eligible for these benefits, while only grandfathered individuals retain them.

Fiorentino also suggested that questions regarding the sewer fund be raised at the upcoming CPPAC meeting.

The Board of Education provided clarification on the transportation budget line item.

11. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 10:02 p.m.

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Respectfully Recorded & Attested,

Jen Espinal

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Town Clerk

Received for Record: January 23, 2026, at 12:26 P.M.
By Laura Milne, Assistant Town Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026, in the Town Hall Meeting Room.