TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2026
MINUTES

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the Town of Granby
As of 3:05 P.M.
March 10, 2026
Attested by:

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

ABSENT: Madeline Ayotte, Student Liaison.

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

REMOTE: Betsy Mazzotta, Management Assistant, Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance and members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kim Becker.

2. MINUTES

2. I. Approval of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Neumann, seconded by F. Moffa, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular meeting on February 17, 2026.

2. II. Approval of Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY Peg Chapple, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Special meeting on February 17, 2026.

3. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.I. Town Charter Section 10-2: Town Manager Delivers FY27 BOS Recommended Budget

Town Manager, M. Walsh, briefed the board on the Town of Granby Budget for FY 2027 providing that the town budget book, consistent with prior board reviews, was distributed, and upcoming budget workshops are scheduled. Agendas have been posted to the town bulletin board and the website. Materials, including department PowerPoints and organizational charts, are

available on the town website. The process will conclude with a Board of Finance recommendation on the mill rate and a town vote on April 20, 2026 (pending BOS approval).

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Public Building Committee Creation- Oversee Town and BOE Capital Projects

Town Manager, M. Walsh submitted the creation of a seven-member Public Building Committee to monitor construction and renovation projects exceeding $250,000 to oversee bond-related projects. CPPAC recommended six bond questions, which are currently under review by bond counsel. The committee will include (7 members); four public members, one with construction experience, and one with financial experience. One representative each from Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance. The term of office will be set for a five-year term, or until expiration of appointed members.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY Peg Chapple, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the creation of a Public Building and Capital Project Committee (PBCPC) composed of seven-members, consisting of four public members including at least one with construction experience and one with financial experience; one member each from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance. Members will serve five-year terms, with appointed members' terms ending upon expiration of their office or until successors are appointed, following minority representation rules. The PBCPC will review architectural plans, contracts, bids, and specifications for town construction or renovation projects exceeding $250,000 (excluding the annual Road Improvement Program). Further, the committee will monitor project progress, make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, and determine project completion. The committee will also serve as the school building committee under Chapter 173 of the Connecticut General Statutes, with the Superintendent of Schools and Town Manager, or their designees, as ex officio members. Appointment recommendations will be returned to the Board following consultation with the relevant boards.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT- FEBRUARY

6.I Town Manager's Monthly Departmental Report - February

Town Manager, M. Walsh provided departmental updates and operational highlights. Work continues on CPPAC documents and preparation of a package for the Board of Selectmen, along with progress on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Appreciation was expressed to Finance Director, Kimi and Management Specialist, Betsy, for their work implementing the new format for the budget. Amanda in finance has started to roll out a digital document scanning project. A town building envelope review with Eversource and CHA has begun, and discussions are underway regarding the dispatcher contract extension.

The Tax Office is interviewing candidates for a part-time clerk position, and Tax Collector Kendra has advanced toward her CCMC certification. The 2025 Grand List increased by $21 million, resulting in approximately $718,000 in additional tax revenue.

Additional updates included the launch of the Library's Capital Campaign. In Community Development, a fourth grader at Wells School was selected as a finalist in a statewide fire prevention poster contest. The POCD has a public workshop scheduled for March 12 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

IT continues work to bring fiber connectivity to the BOE data center and fire stations.

In public safety, Officer Wilkins and Dispatcher Dunn completed training, and Officer Carlos Montanes was recently sworn in.

Public Works continues winter operations while improvements at Salmon Brook Park and installation of a generator and access road are underway.

The Senior Center hosted a Valentine's luncheon with 75 attendees. Social Services continues energy assistance applications, and Youth Services is developing an anti-vaping program.

The Town Clerk's Office continues work on records management, compliance, and website updates. The Registrar of Voters hosted a poll worker appreciation event, updated approximately 400 voter records, and will hold a Town Meeting on March 5, 2026, at 7:00 at the Senior Center, regarding the sale of Freshies, 83 Salmon Brook Street.

These notes summarize the discussion that took place during the Board of Selectmen meeting. The full meeting recording is available through Granby Community Television at https://gctv16.org or for a full detailed report, you can access the Board of Selectmen meeting packet.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (Mark Fiorentino)

First Selectman, M. Fiorentino provided several community updates. He asked residents to keep members of the Armed Services and their families in their thoughts and prayers. He also commended the Library Services team, particularly Amber and Holly, for organizing the recent Volunteer Fair, noting the strong participation of local organizations and volunteers. Residents were encouraged to pick up the informational brochure produced for the event, which lists many charitable organizations in town.

The First Selectman also addressed questions raised at the previous meeting regarding a proposed grant application for a sidewalk along the west side of Route 20 connecting the remote parking lot to Town Hall. Project cost estimate are prepared by Town Engineer using tools available through the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG) and outreach to neighboring property owners has not yet occurred, but will be required if the project proceeds. Coordination and permitting with the Connecticut Department of Transportation would also be required. The issue of sidewalk maintenance was discussed, the current policy and the Town plans and existing practices and enforcement are to be reviewed as part of broader discussions. Additionally, the First Selectman proposed resuming periodic presentations from community partner organizations following completion of the budget process.

M. Fiorentino addressed the public regarding policies and practices related to the recording and editing of town meetings in response to recent questions related to the February 18, 2026, Board

of Education meeting. The review will examine past practices, and as an interim measure, the Town has begun maintaining a complete, unedited recording of meetings to be provided directly to the Town Clerk in a USB format at the end of each BOS meeting, to be filed as the original version of the recording. The review is expected to be completed by the March 16, 2026, Board of Selectmen meeting.

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

M. Neumann echoed appreciation for the Library's organization of the Volunteer Fair, noting the strong turnout. The event filled the Senior Center's main room and required overflow parking at the library, demonstrating significant community interest in volunteering and participating in town committees.

Z. Zafar gave the board an update on school activities noting that the boys' basketball team competed in the conference championship game against Ellington but was ultimately defeated. Upcoming school activities include the launch of the GHS Halls of Fame Contest, where each grade will decorate a designated school building based on class colors, with judging scheduled for late April. Additional events include the spring blood drive on March 11, a Class of 2028 fundraiser at TJ's Burritos, the spring drama production of *The Little Mermaid* from March 12–15, the junior SAT scheduled for March 19, and the National Honor Society's annual Empty Bowls event on March 27.

9. PUBLIC SESSION

Beth Carroll, 10 Quail Lane, asked for clarification on the procedures for public participation during upcoming budget workshops, specifically how and when members of the public may ask questions, how long they may speak, and how multiple questions from attendees are typically handled during the workshops.

David Anderson, Greenwoods Road, addressed the Board regarding the February 18, 2026, Board of Education meeting recording. He raised concerns about the recording's editing and subsequent removal from public access, the later modified version, which was eventually removed as part of the recording. He stated his intention was to place the matter on public record and raised questions regarding the handling and integrity of public records.

Bill Glueck, 18 Barkhamsted Road, expressed concerns regarding comments made during the February 18, 2026, Board of Education meeting that were captured on a "hot mic." He requested that the Town Attorney review whether the comments and subsequent editing of the meeting recording may have violated the Board of Education's code of conduct or applicable state statutes related to public records. He also suggested the Town consider establishing clearer policies regarding the handling and publication of public meeting recordings and recommended community dialogue to address concerns related to community representation and communication with the Board of Education.

Maier Reinhard, 138 Day Street, provided input on the importance of leadership and accountability, noting that "*leaders may make mistakes but should handle them appropriately."* Concerns were expressed on the recent issues and how they had been addressed. It was suggested

that professional guidance in crisis management could be beneficial and that respectful leadership toward staff, students, and the community is important.

Robert Flannigan, 24 Woodcliff Drive, spoke regarding the February 18, 2026, Board of Education meeting "hot mic" recording. Resident is looking for clarification on who authorized the removal of the original recording from public access, stating his belief that it is part of the public record. There were concerns with transparency, the handling of the situation, and the need for accountability, noting that the matter should be addressed as a public issue rather than a partisan one.

Maureen Eberly, 37 Silkey Road, followed up on a previous question regarding the Board of Education workshop meetings, asking if each workshop has specified topics, such as transportation or curriculum, or if the sessions are open for any public questions. Ms. Eberly noted that providing topic guidance could help residents focus on the areas of the budget most relevant to them.

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10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Recorded & Attested,

Jen Espinal

Town Clerk

Received for Record: March 9, 2026, at 2:14 P.M.
By Laura Milne, Assistant Town Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026, in the Town Hall Meeting Room.