TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026
MINUTES

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From the Records of the
Town of Granby
as of 5:30 P.M.
April 9, 2026
Attested by:

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

ABSENT: Zainab Zafar, Student Liaison

ALSO PRESENT: Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager, Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, Kurt LaFlamme, Police Captain, 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 Madeline Ayotte.

Captain LaFlamme was congratulated for 25 years of service to the Town of Granby.

2. MINUTES

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

2. II. Approval of Board of Selectmen Special Town Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2026

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY P. Chapple, seconded by K. Becker, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Special Town Meeting on March 5, 2026.

2. III. Approval of Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop I – March 5, 2026

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY P. Chapple, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop I on March 5, 2026.

3. APPOINTMENTS

3.I. Barbara M. Schmitt IWWC Appointment

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY F. Moffa seconded by K. Becker, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the appointment of Barbara M. Schmitt (D) to the Town of Granby Inland Wetland Watercourse Commission as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee to fill a vacancy with a term expiring January 14, 2030.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.I. Granby Police Department Sergeant Doreen Mikan Retirement Proclamation

The board recognized the retirement of Sergeant Doreen Mikan after 33 years of dedicated service with the Granby Police Department. Her career was marked by professionalism, courage, and community commitment, including receiving four Life Saving Awards, serving on the Regional Dive Team, mentoring youth through the D.A.R.E. program, and supporting vulnerable individuals as a Victim Advocate. The Commission expressed its gratitude for her service and extended best wishes for a well-earned retirement.

State Representative, Mark Anderson also recognized Sergeant Mikan for her years of service, and provided a Proclamation on behalf of the Connecticut General Assembly.

4.II. Halloran Sage Review and Advice - Town Records Retention

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a memorandum from legal counsel regarding the February 18, 2026, Board of Education meeting and related video recording practices. Counsel advised that while the Town is generally not required to record meetings, recordings that capture activity before or after a meeting may still be considered public records depending on their content. As a best practice, unedited recordings should be preserved in their entirety, even if edited versions are posted, to ensure compliance with FOIA. Counsel further noted that retaining only edited recordings could present potential FOIA concerns if no exemptions apply. Additionally, meeting recordings must be retained in accordance with state records retention requirements.

4.III. Police Department and Library - Grants and Donations Communication

A review of donations received by the Granby Police Department from January 1, 2025, through March 4, 2026, identified one donation equal to or exceeding $500. On January 9, 2026, a $500 donation was received from Burkentine & Sons Builders in Hanover, PA (builder of Granby's Station 280). The donation was recorded under check #018441 and deposited on January 9, 2026. No other donations at or above this threshold were identified during the review period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. BOE Request for Reallocation of FY25 and FY26 Capital Funds

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a request from the Board of Education to reallocate FY25 and FY26 capital funds, as previously approved by the Board of Education. The proposed reallocations shift surplus and designated funds to support safety, HVAC repairs, infrastructure improvements, and equipment needs. The request requires approval from the Board of Selectmen, followed by the Board of Finance.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY F. Moffa, seconded by K. Becker, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the reallocation of FY25 capital funds as follows: $50,400 from Central Roof Replacement (surplus funds) and $7,461 from HS Main Gym Bleacher Replacement (surplus funds) to $47,738 for the Safety and Security Project and $10,123 for GMMS HVAC Repair.

Further, approve the reallocation of FY26 capital funds as follows: $68,698 from HVAC State Mandated Testing and $36,279 from WR Exterior Wall Repairs to $44,000 for UST Removal and Propane Conversion, $24,727 for GMMS HVAC Repair, $12,750 for GMHS HVAC Repair, $12,500 for Tractor Surplus Acquisition, and $11,000 for Catch Basin Repairs.

5.II. FY27 Board of Selectmen Town Budget Approval - Submission to the Board of Finance

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget and is asked to transmit a resolution to the Board of Finance. The recommended General Fund expenditure budget for the Board of Selectmen is $18,990,379, inclusive of various revenues to offset expenditures. The resolution may be amended by the Board as needed before submission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen forwards a proposed 2026-27 **REVENUE BUDGET** to the Board of Finance, consisting of the following items:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	TOWN MANAGER PROPOSED	BOS ADOPTED
Property Taxes (excluding Current Levy)	$740,000	$740,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	8,425,079	8,425,079
Local Departmental Revenues	968,880	968,880
Fund Transfer	1,875,000	1,935,000
TOTAL	**$12,008,959**	**$12,068,959**

That the Board of Selectmen forwards a proposed 2026-27 **EXPENDITURE BUDGET** to the Board of Finance, consisting of the following items:

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	TOWN MANAGER PROPOSED	BOS ADOPTED
Administration	$5,650,470	$5,648,222*
Personal & Property Protection	3,783,910	3,846,158**
Public Works & Environment	3,838,875	3,838,875
Libraries, Recreation, & Social Services	1,171,051	1,171,051
Sub-total	**14,444,306**	**14,504,306**
Capital Budget	2,650,000	2,650,000
Debt Service	1,836,073	1,836,073
TOTAL	**$18,930,379**	**$18,990,379**

That the Board of Selectmen forwards a proposed 2026-27 **OTHER FUNDS BUDGET** to the Board of Finance, consisting of the following items:

OTHER FUNDS	TOWN MANAGER PROPOSED	BOS ADOPTED
Solid Waste Fund	$224,750^	$224,750^
Dog Fund	25,800	25,800
Capital Equipment/Improvement	3,671,113	3,671,113
Sewer Utility	385,200	385,200
Recreation Events (P&R and HF)	1,009,313	1,009,313
Education Quality & Diversity	1,123,769	1,123,769

* Move $2,248 from the Professional Services line item in the Human Resources Department to the FVHD line item in the Health Services Department.

Also, add $60,000 to the Granby Ambulance Association line item in the Health Services Department, which will be offset by the revenue from the Fox Fund. ^ The Budget Book didn't reflect the use of $20,000 from the NIP fund

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY M. Chapple, seconded by M. Neumann, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve and transmit the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Municipal Budget to the Board of Finance, including General Fund revenues and expenditures as outlined, with a recommended General Fund expenditure budget, and authorizes the Board to amend the resolution as deemed appropriate, prior to submission.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

6.I Town Manager's Project Summary- February 2026

Town Manager, M. Walsh provided an update on ongoing projects and noteworthy items. Key activities include review of ballot and bond questions with potential BOS consideration in April, participation in the Employee Health Benefits Advisory Committee and the Granby-Simsbury

Chamber of Commerce business roundtable, resolution efforts for the Granby Community Fund naming issue, and completion of steps to sell the Freshies building and 603 Cider Lane.

Other items include discussions on a potential Dispatcher's Union contract extension, allocation of CDBG funds, review of the Kearns terms sheet and DB Police Pension contract changes, and continuation of the FY27 budget process and workshops.

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.

6.II. Town Budget Financial Report - February 2026

Director of Finance, K. Cheng provided the Board an overview of the February 2026 financial highlights. Tax collections remain strong at 102%, slightly above last year. Interest earned from the Short-Term Investment Fund totaled approximately $55,300, with daily and 7-day yields at 3.72%. State education grants of $530,004 for Excess Cost and $362,560 for tuition from other towns were received. General Fund expenditures are consistent with the prior year at 71% of budget. Public Works overtime year-to-date totaled $171,665, higher than last year, although February overtime ($59,663) was lower than February 2025. Any overtime overages will be absorbed within the department budget or covered by contingency/fringe benefits.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (Mark Fiorentino)

First Selectman M. Fiorentino shared that he recently attended *The Little Mermaid* play, praising it for being well-executed and inspiring. He also attended a Granby GRUNTS competition, encouraging community participation in these events. Commendation was given to the Senior Center staff for hosting a successful St. Patrick's Day event, which received excellent feedback.

On March 21st, the Lost Acres Fire Department Auxiliary will host a Bingo Night at 6:30 p.m. at North Congregational Church.

An update on the Public Building and Capital Project Committee was provided. The announcement for volunteer applications will be released soon, with applicants required to meet specific qualifications. An internal committee, consisting of Peggy, Mark, and Mike, was created to review applications, and their recommendations will be brought to the Board for a final vote.

Please note that the Board of Selectmen's meeting scheduled for April 6, 2026, has been cancelled due to the Public Hearing for the FY 2027 Budget.

The Board of Selectmen Meeting on April 20, 2026, will be moved to the Senior Center to allow the Budget (Voting) in the Main Meeting Room.

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

M. Neumann noted that the Granby America 250 Committee will meet on March 19, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. Some of the events planned for the 4th of July weekend are a music Band on Friday and a Parade for Saturday.

P. Chapple, congratulated Rosemarie Weber, for being nominated by Gov. Lamont to the Superior Court. Rosemarie was a longtime member of the Granby BOE, a friend and colleague.

M. Ayote gave the board an update on school activities noting the success of The *Little Mermaid*. The school also got nominated for the HALO award. The students are participating in an Annual Empty Bowls and Silent Auction, March 27th at 7:00 P.M. at the High School. You can bring your own bowl or buy a bowl. A high school club is going to Boston, and a new date has been released for the Coffee House, to April 25th.

9. PUBLIC SESSION

Bill Glueck, 18 Barkhamsted Road, president of the Granby Taxpayer's Alliance, expressed concerns with the editorial abilities and the importance of preserving public records. Suggest the recordation and preservation of the entire record, unedited version.

Resident also thanked the two officers that were recognized earlier in the meeting for their long tenure and service.
Finally, the resident informed the public that Granby Taxpayer's Alliance prepared a budget for consideration that was submitted to the board.

Robert Flannigan, 24 Woodcliff Drive, spoke regarding the February 18, 2026, Board of Education meeting "hot mic" recording. Acknowledgement and apology are the steps suggested. Resident also noted statement made by the party became political. Comments were also made with regards to Public Records, FOI compliance laws, and Code of Ethics.

Toni Flannigan (via remote, Woodcliff Drive) expressed concerns regarding the Board of Education recording on February 18, 2026. Resident questioned the information provided to legal counsel and raised issues related to FOI laws, records retention, transparency, and public records. Additionally, she voiced concerns about statements made during the Board of Selectmen's discussion on the budget, specifically regarding legal representation and the insurance coverage budget line item.

Maureen Eberly, 37 Silkey Road, was set to speak, and due to an audio issue, her comments did not make it on the record.

John Spatcher, 22 Round Hill Road, made a correction to the revenue of the *Little Mermaid* noting that the drama club will break even.

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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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Recorded & Attested,



Jen Espinal

Town Clerk

Received for Record: March 19, 2026, at 4:54 P.M.
By Laura Milne, Assistant Town Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Town of Granby Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, in the Granby Senior Center.