



GRANBY PLANNING BOARD

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Members Jim Trompke, Chair
Present: Jason Smigiel, Treasurer
Nita Abbott, PVPC Commissioner

Members Robert Sheehan, Jr., Vice Chair
Absent: Melissa St. Germain, Secretary

Others: Ken Comia, PVPC

Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022

Location: In person at 1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Building, Granby, MA

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Trompke called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Administrative Items

Approval of Minutes

No quorum to approve minutes. Minutes from previous meetings will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

New Business

Energy Battery Storage Discussion

The town has received questions about permitting batteries used for energy storage, not related to solar energy solely. Mr. Comia stated that this is a novel land use issue that is coming up for communities in the region as it is possible the zoning related to a singular battery, compared to if it is accessory to a solar development, does not quite address the new use and structure. He stated that PVPC is working with other municipal planners in coming up with a report identifying and understanding this new use and how to look through a zoning lens in determining regulations, if any, to protect abutters and ensure safety.

Chair Trompke stated that this particular issue needs to be studied more within the context of how and if and what criteria for regulation would be appropriate for Granby, if any. He added that the Board should also be aware of the building and fire code issues of permitting and how they may play into any zoning language that would be drafted.

PVPC Contract

Chair Trompke will follow up with the Town Administrator

Action Items

134 South Street Invoicing

Mr. Comia notified the Board that the final invoice for 134 South Street is still being prepared. The Chair asked Mr. Comia to reach out to Ms. Cathy Leonard to confirm the use of peer review to include in this application and this invoice. The invoice should include that amount and should reflect whether or not that invoice was satisfied, along with what is in the escrow account for this project.

Next Meeting

The next regular Planning Board meeting will be Monday, August 22, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Jason Smigiel, and seconded by Nita Abbott to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried 3 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

I, Kenneth Comia, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the August 8, 2022 Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Comia, AICP
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission