

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6 pm
New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Bryan Hauschild, Sr.
Jim Trompke

Others: Lillian Camus, PVPC Representative

Absent: Gary Glenn
Bill Porter

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes

Approval of September 11, 2018 minutes postponed to the next meeting as there was not a quorum present.

Open Action Items:

Businessman's Recommendations

The Committee discussed the need to update Zoning Bylaws on East Street and New Ludlow Road.

Community Compact

Jay Joyce noted Granby's Community Compact is outdated and requires updating. The latest Community Compact is from 2015.

Jay will follow up with Chris Martin.

Granby Master Plan

Jay Joyce reported Granby's Master Plan is also outdated and requires updating. The latest Master Plan is dated 2014 with some updates in 2016.

- The Committee will address at a future time.

Rt. 202 Upgrades – except Village Center

Jay Joyce outlined the planned upgrades to Rt. 202, except in the Village Center, by the DOT. Granby has the potential to bring in sewer, water and natural gas lines in conjunction with the upgrades to help bring in more businesses.

Rezoning

Jay Joyce noted due to the smaller planes at Westover, the Noise Abatement Area will be shrinking. This could be a potential area for rezoning.

Other areas that could be rezoned are:

- New Ludlow Road & Morgan Street – (rezoned to additional industrial)
- East Street to mixed where Noise Abatement Area reduced

Grants

Jay Joyce reviewed various programs available to help with improvement projects.

- MassWorks Programs
 - *Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)* grant program provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to plan for resiliency and implement key climate change adaptation actions for resiliency. The program helps communities to:
 - Define extreme weather and natural and climate related hazards
 - Understand how their community may be impacted by climate change with a Massachusetts specific climate change clearinghouse with the latest science and data
 - Identify existing and future vulnerabilities and strengths
 - Develop and prioritize actions for the community
 - Identify opportunities to take action to reduce risk and build resilience
 - Implement key actions identified through the planning process
 - Communities who complete the MVP program become certified as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP Action grant funding and other opportunities.
 - Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP) grant for transportation safety projects in small, rural communities with a population of 7,000 or less. Towns can request up to \$1,000,000 but may receive only one grant every three years. Two or more eligible towns may file a joint application for a single project serving those towns provided that the total amount awarded to one town shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed under the program.
- Economic Development (TBD)

EV Charger Stations

Jay Joyce reported the four EV chargers at the schools are operational electrically. Steve Nally is working with US Technologies to arrange a contract that abides by Massachusetts Law to deposit all earnings into the Town of Granby's bank account.

Chapter 61 Land

The Committee continued their discussion on Chapter 61 land.

*Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program
Revisions*

Jay Joyce reported the Mass DOER made revisions to the SMART program effective November 26, 2018.

“Emergency” Regulation Changes = TBD

Rezoning

Maybe potential ways rezoning could limit large-scale ground-mounted solar projects?

New Town Hall and Senior Center

See notes below on Net Zero Energy.

PVPC Assistance – DLTA Grant

New Business

Net Zero Energy for Proposed new Municipal Town Hall and Senior Center

Jay Joyce explained that the Net Zero Energy process starts with Governor Baker. The Town received a \$4 million bond to construct a new Municipal Town Hall and a Senior Center in place of the West Street School. The project is on hold until the money is actually received from the State.

Old Business

The FY 2018 Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Reports are on Cathy Leonard’s list to be posted to Town of Granby Webpage.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brian Hauschild, Sr. and seconded by Jim Trompke to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried 3 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Jay Joyce, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the November 20, 2018 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.