Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman

Bryan Hauschild

Bill Porter Jim Trompke

Absent: Gary Glenn

Lillian Camus (Alternate) Wilmont Lewis (Alternate)

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval October 10, 2019 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the October 10, 2019 minutes. Hearing none.

Motion made by Bill Porter and seconded by Jim Trompke to approve the October 10, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild Bill Porter, Jim Trompke), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Open Action Items

Businessman's Recommendations

1) Extend Industrial Park 1 Zoning = across from old dump – The memo has been signed by Select Board. A signed copy of the memo was given to the Economic Development and Growth Committee and Planning Board.

Motion made by Bill Porter and seconded by Jim Trompke to close this Action Item = Task Completed. Motion carried 4 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild Bill Porter, Jim Trompke), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

- 2) Land acquisition
 - 1. Sand Plains State Park Land off Green Meadow Lane A decision was made not to address this until after the Granby Municipal Electric Department is created.
 - 2. Route 202 acreage abutting Town-owned land West State Street to access Town-owned land-locked parcel.

No new information

Rt. 202 Upgrades – Except Village Center

- 1) Water Plpeline at 5 Corners (awaiting Mass DOT FY2023) Grant application withdrawn because Mass DOT extending intersection of Rt. 202 and School Street out to 2023. We have from now until 2023 to get plans finalized. Suggestions that before updating the residents, we should have a signed contract with South Hadley. (Jay to take care of this)
- 2) Water Pipeline from the South Hadley\Granby Town line to 54 West State Street
 - a. MASS DOT planning to complete the Route 202 Upgrade in 2020
 - b. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Application to be prepared for this project = see Grants below
- 3) Temporary easement of 16 ft. all on the North Side for Mass DOT to park their vehicles.
- 4) All folks have to connect to the water line and disable their current wells to avoid possible contamination.
- 5) Sewer Lines TBD by voters
- 6) Natural Gas Lines TBD if natural gas goes forward. Currently, there is a statewide moratorium on new natural gas lines.

Grants/Loans

- 1) MEMA Grant to remove dead trees over high tension wires. Town must pay bill first and then get reimbursed.
- 2) MVP Grant -
 - Water Pipeline Application being submitted with the assistance of PVPC from South Hadley Town line to 54 West State Street
 - b. Climate Change Natural Solution = remove dead trees overhanging Utility Lines and replace with new trees in excess Stormwater area to reduce standing water
- 3) Mass Works Grant Application TBD
- 4) EPA Water Structure Funding Loan Waiting on response from Steve Nally
- 5) Small Town Road Assistance Program Grant Application (STRAP) = TBD
- 6) Economic Development Grant Application = PVPC DLTA Grant Application Submitted

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

- 1) Solar Moratorium in effect until January 31, 2020
- 2) Granby Municipal Electric Department
 - a. PVPC is researching requirements and permitting.
- 3) Revenue Producing Solar Bylaws
 - a. MA DOER is currently updating requirements which are scheduled to be released in November 2019
 - b. Review recommended Solar Bylaw Updates for revenue increase

Address Select Board's comments to our memo

- 1) Rt. 202 Upgrade
 - a. Need an individual (Jay) to contact National Grid to possibly move existing utilities underground. Jay is currently working on the dead tree issue with National Grid.
 - b. Historic District incorporate historic looking streetlights
 - i. Contact utilities for future planning/funding

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Brian Hauschild to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Jay Joyce, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the December 10, 2019 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.