

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm

New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Bryan Hauschild, Sr.
Bill Porter

Absent: Gary Glenn
Jim Trompke

Others:

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval March 12, 2019 Minutes

Approval of the March 12, 2019 minutes was postponed as there was not a quorum to approve the minutes.

Open Action Items

Businessman's Recommendations

The Committee sent a memo to the Select Board recommending the following:

- Extend Industrial Park 1 Zoning to across from the former dump. A memo has been signed by the Select Board and sent to the Planning Board.
- Land Acquisition
 - Sand Plains State Park land off Green Meadow Lane. The Select Board wants the Conservation Commission to evaluate the land to see if it is worth going forth to purchase it.

Community Compact

The Community Compact Agreement was last updated 2015. The Committee sent a memo to the Select Board noting two areas of interest:

- Planning and predevelopment study leading to an Economic Development Project (grant available)
- Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure study for the entire Town (grant available)

The Select Board requested the Committee to select a substitute Community Compact item for the IT Infrastructure study as it is not feasible at this point due to no engineering data available.

Granby Master Plan

The Committee sent a memo to the Select Board recommending the following:

- The Granby Master Plan needs updating (some information hasn't been updated since 2008). Updating the Master Plan is the Planning Board's responsibility
- The results of the MVP Study should be included in the update

Rt. 202 Upgrades – Except Village Center

- Water Lines Upgrade – in process (waiting for the next grant period)
 - Chappell Engineering Associates, LLC – (MASS DOT for Rt. 202)
 - Phase 1 Design and Permits = approximately \$53,000.
- MVP Grant application submitted
- Total project cost Phase 1 through 3 is \$2,643,872.00
 - Construction of Phase 1
 - Design and Permitting of Phase 2 and 3
- The grant request \$1,943,328.40
 - Municipal match plus in-kind contribution is 25% of the grant or \$700,543.60
 - In-Kind (MASS DOT) contribution = \$560,000.00
 - In-Kind (Granby) contribution – hours spent by
 - Granby Project Manager (Jay Joyce)
 - Granby Contract Administrator (Chris Martin)
 - Granby Civil Engineer/Technical Advisor (Dae Desrosiers)
 - Maximum Town's net contribution = \$140,543.60
- Sewer Lines – TBD by voters
- Natural Gas Lines – TBD if natural gas goes forward.

Rezoning

Westover Noise Abatement Area

- A response letter dated July 12, 2019 has been received from Michael Bolton.

Rt. 202 Upgrades

- Sidewalk Snow Removal Bylaws are to be addressed by the General Bylaw Committee

Grants/Loans

- MVP Grant (see above)
- Mass Works Grant Application = TBD
- EPA Water Structure Funding Loan – Steve Nally
- Small Town Road Assistance Program Grant Application – (STRAP) = TBD
- Community Compact Grant (see above)
- Economic Development Grant Application = TBD
- PVPC DLTA Grant – Eric Weiss
 - “Kickoff” Meeting completed

EV Charger Stations

- New Library = 4 each = Application submitted, by Energy Committee waiting for a response
- Dufresne Park = 4 each = Application needs to be submitted by Energy Committee in next grant cycle

Chapter 61 Land

A General Bylaws update is in progress.

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

- A Solar Moratorium is in effect until January 31, 2020
- Granby Municipal Electric Department
 - Town of Ashland has their own Municipal Electric Department

New Town Hall & Senior Center

Governor Baker’s \$4 million bond to complete the project = TBD

New Business

Reorganize

The Board discussed the lack of attendance of current members. It was determined the importance of the Rt. 202 water project requires maximum attendance at all meetings as we are bound by Mass DOT’s schedule.

Motion by Bill Porter and seconded by Brian Hauschild to seek replacement of members who were not regularly attending the meetings in accordance with the Granby Bylaws. Motion carried 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Address Selectboard Comments to our Memo

- IT study not feasible at this point due to no engineering data. Select Board requested EDC select a substitute Community Compact item.
- Rt. 202 Upgrade
 - Move existing utilities underground
 - Historic District incorporate historic looking streetlights
 - i) Contact utilities for future planning/funding

Old Business

The FY 2019 Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Reports are on Cathy Leonard's list to be posted to Town of Granby Webpage.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Bryan Hauschild, Sr. and seconded by Bill Porter to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried 3 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Jay Joyce, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the May 28, 2019 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.