

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm
New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Bill Porter

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval September 11, 2018 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the September 11, 2018 Hearing none.

Motion made by Brian Hauschild, Sr. and seconded by Gary Glenn to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes. Motion carried 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Jim Trompke)

Approval November 20, 2018 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the November 20, 2018 Hearing none.

Motion made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Brian Hauschild, Sr. to approve the November 20, 2018 minutes. Motion carried 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Gary Glenn)

Approval January 29, 2019 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the January 29, 2019 Hearing none.

Motion made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Gary Glenn to approve the January 29, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Brian Hauschild)

Open Action Items

Businessman's Recommendations

The Selectboard has requested a memo of EDC recommendations.

- Extend Industrial Park Zone on New Ludlow Road all the way to the South Hadley Town Line.
- Update Village Center to add historical street lights and remove telephone poles by placing all utilities underground. This should be completed and paid for by National Grid when MASS DOT improves Rt. 202.
- Westover Noise Abatement Area rezoning
- Rt. 202 Sidewalk Snow Removal Bylaws
- Some Chapter 61 land is currently not being used for its intended purpose and it should no longer be Chapter 61 land
- New Town Hall and Senior Center
- Creation of "Granby Municipal Utilities"

Community Compact

The Community Compact Agreement was last updated 2015.

If you apply for a Mass State Competitive Grant and include a Community Compact best practice item the Town will receive more points in the competitive process to secure the grant. For example, \$50,000 = Planning and pre-development studies leading to an Economic Development project.

Granby Master Plan

Granby's Master Plan dates back to 2014 and requires updating as needed. Some sections were updated in 2016.

Rt. 202 Upgrades – Except Village Center

- Water Lines Upgrade – in process.
 - Chappell Engineering Associates, LLC – (MASS DOT for Rt. 202) submitted a quote for designing Phase 1 Water Main of the alternate fresh water line plan.
- Sewer Lines – TBD by voters
- Natural Gas Lines – TBD if natural gas goes forward. Currently, there is a statewide moratorium on new natural gas lines.

Rezoning

- Westover Noise Abatement Area
 - Jay will contact John Libera, who is Chair of the Westover Metropolitan District Commission (WMDC), for a copy of the new noise abatement plan with its effective date they want to start leasing the land. Currently, the area is zoned residential. The land is coming out of the Noise Abatement area has a restriction that it is not for residential use.

- New Ludlow Road
 - Extend Industrial Park Zone on New Ludlow Road all the way to the South Hadley Town Line
- Rt. 202 Upgrades
 - Sidewalk Snow Removal Bylaws
 - Create a sidewalk bylaw requiring sidewalk abutters to remove the snow/ice within 24 hours after the storm has ended. Examples where this could apply are
 - Rt. 202 upgrade
 - Munsing Ridge sidewalks
 - Maximilian Drive sidewalks

Grants – Alternate Fresh Water

- Mass Works Grant Application
 - MVP Workshop held on March 9, 2019
 - Results are to be presented at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019
- Small Town Road Assistance Program Grant Application (STRAP)
 - Waiting for work proposal to determine the work scope and actual cost
- Economic Development Grant Application
 - Pending research (Community Compact)
- DLTA (PVPC) Grant
 - “Kickoff” meeting completed on February 27, 2019. PVPC is gathering data for next step.

EV Charger Stations

- New Library – 1 dual EVSE charging station model 3704’s with MasterCard and Visa as method of payment for use.
- Dufresne Park – Future planning to install providing surveillance cameras availability.

Chapter 61 Land

The Committee had a general discussion regarding Chapter 61 land in Granby; whereas some Chapter 61 land is currently not being used for its intended purpose it should no longer be Chapter 61 land.

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

Jay explained revisions of the MASS DOER SMART Program. Granby’s Park Committee has recommended a large-scale ground-mounted solar installation be considered for Cooley Park due to its lack of use for recreation purposes.

New Town Hall & Senior Center

The Committee discussed building a new Town Hall and Senior Center as a high priority. If all offices were together it would be easier and more productive for businesses and residents to conduct business.

The Town is currently awaiting Governor Baker's decision on a \$4 million bond to complete the project.

New Business

Net Zero Energy for proposed new Municipal Town Hall & Senior Center

Jay outlined the Net Zero program for the proposed Municipal Town Hall and Senior Center.

Create "Granby Municipal Utilities"

The Committee discussed MGL Chapter 164 Section 134. The Committee agreed this would be a high priority revenue creating project for the Town of Granby.

Sand Plains State Park Land Off Green Meadow Lane

The Committee thinks it's a good idea MASS DEP documents state the area is now clean, environmentally safe and ready for reuse. The Committee still would like the Granby Conservation Committee to review and inspect the area to ensure there are no additional expenses to be incurred by the Town of Granby if they wish to purchase the land.

Compose Memo to Selectboard with Recommendations

The Committee will create a memo to the Selectboard with their Economic Development recommendations.

Alternate Fresh Water Pipeline = Lead Committee

The Selectboard has named the Economic Development Committee the lead for oversight of the waterline project.

Additionally, Jay informed the Committee about the DLTA grant approval for fresh water.

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, April 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Bryan Hauschild, Sr. and seconded by Gary Glenn to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Jay Joyce, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the March 12, 2019 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.