

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PUBLIC WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 28, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Eric Clothier, Crystal English, Sandra Farrands and Marianne Ingerson. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan was also present. There was one resident in attendance.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

County Highway Agreement – Highway Superintendent Duncan is not in favor of mowing the County Roads in the Town. He stated it costs the Town money, or at best, just break even, to mow the roads for the County. The Board discussed the pros and cons of mowing the roads. They said it is important to mow the County Roads for the sake of safety and making the Town look neat. It is important to the residents that the mowing is done. Supervisor Snow, Jr. also stated we would have to cut funds from the Highway budget if we don't mow. Highway Superintendent Duncan will fill out the County mowing contract and the Board will vote at the next Board meeting.

Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Property Tax Exemption – The State has reinstated the exemption for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel for every County in the State. Supervisor Snow, Jr. asked the Board if they would like to offer this exemption to our residents who are active volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. This exemption may be an incentive to become a firefighter, and our fire departments are in dire need of new members. The Board would like to invite the fire chiefs to a meeting to discuss the exemption with them. A public hearing will be held in the near future, and he will have a Local Law ready for the exemption to start in 2025 if the Board decides to pass the Local Law.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, §2019-a of the Uniform Justice Act requires that town justices annually provide their court records and dockets to the Town Board, and
WHEREAS, Justice Carl Schmidt and Justice Francis Doyle notified the Town Board in writing that their records were available for inspections, and
WHEREAS, appendix 10 of the Handbook for Town and Village Justices and Court Clerks, published by the Division of Local Government and School Accountability of the

New York State Office of the State Comptroller, provides the Town Board with a list of items to audit, and

WHEREAS, after the regular meeting of the Town Board on February 13, 2024, the councilors audited the records of both justices, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Councilors of the Town Board of the Town of Granby hereby affirm that the records of each justice show, after being duly examined, that the fines therein collected for 2023, have been turned over to the chief financial officer as by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is to prepare a list of recommendations to the justices and court clerks regarding dating bank reconciliations and the high number of cases listed on the Traffic Safety, Law Enforcement and Disposition (TSLED) report.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to adopt the Resolution for the Justice Court Audit, all were in favor, none opposed.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve the Town bills as audited on Abstract #4 and 4P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$ 18,166.27	Highway Fund	\$25,626.19
Capital Projects	\$157,197.04	V-Fund	\$91,849.43
SL Fund	\$ 108.92		

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed where do we want to go as a town government? Why does our town government need to exist? What would our town look like if we were the best we could be? The Board's ideal future for the town includes safe drinking water, traffic safety and a lower crime rate. They would like to provide services like public water, safe roads, street lighting and contributions to our senior and youth programs. The values that guide us in every aspect of our work are to leave the community better than we found it, and committing to staffing, truth, and transparency. Supervisor Snow, Jr would like to work on increasing our customer service this year.

The Board then discussed where we would like to be in the future. Councilor Ingerson's vision was that our Town would be an inviting place where people want to live and raise a family. Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like Granby to be a place for "all" people. We can create our desired future by updating our land use and zoning policies and creating infrastructure. The Board described our core values as transparency, honesty, being progressive and openminded and keeping our residents concerns a priority.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.