

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. leading those present in the salute to the Flag. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Eric Clothier, Crystal English, Sandara Farrands and Marianne Ingerson. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan was also present. There were four residents in attendance.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and accept them as written, all were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Tom Anthony – He has a concern with the way the Town is operating with regards to the Codes Department. He received numerous complaints while he was working on the new Town Hall project. It is very difficult to get a building permit as far as timeline. It has taken up to nine weeks in some cases. The Codes Office is very hard to contact. They should have phone hours so people can call and speak to someone. Mr. Anthony also stated that he is on the Planning Board. The Planning Board makes the rules, but there is no enforcement. The Compound has several violations, and their operating permit has been expired for two years, yet nothing is being done about it. He does whatever he wants with no consequence. Fairway Billiards is the same story. He is having parties on the patio, which is not allowed, and nothing is being done about staying open after their stipulated times. They are not living up to their Special Use Permits, so why isn't Codes doing something about it. Walmart came in front of the Planning Board for an expansion with an insufficient site plan application and the solar company that wants to build a solar farm in Granby has not supplied the information the Planning Board and Engineer requested. People think the Town is a pushover. He asked if the Town Board could approve a law that if a Special Use Permit is violated, Codes can rescind the Operating Permit. Mr. Anthony stated that with Micron coming in, we could see new housing in the Town. We need to get our act together, so the Town doesn't get run over. We are not ready for what's about to happen. Supervisor Snow, Jr. read the zoning law that was put into effect in 2022 that states the Codes Officer has the authority to rescind a Special Use Permit if they are in violation.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Snow, Jr. has given the Town Board a copy of the Association of Towns newsletter from May.

We received a letter from NYMIR stating they have no recommendations for us.

We have received notification from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services that our equalization rate has fallen to 65%.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Supervisor – He has given a copy of his Continuing Education Certificate to the Board. The financials are not complete. He will email the Board when they are done.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for May was \$2,677.30. A check in the amount of \$106.00 was sent to the New York State Department of Ag & Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check in the amount of \$45.00 was sent to the New York State Health Department for marriage licenses and a check in the amount of \$2,526.30 to the Supervisor for local shares.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve the Town Clerk's financial report, all were in favor, none opposed.

Planning Board – They are waiting for Walmart to refigure their expansion plans.

ZBA – Chairperson Cheryl Anthony said the ZBA Board met twice in January for area variances, and they met in April for another area variance. They are in the process of working on another area variance for a right-of-way off Stoney Robby Road. She would like the Board to consider purchasing signs to place on properties that have a Public Hearing scheduled. This would help the residents know what is going on in the Town and give them a chance to offer input. They do not have a lot of public participation at the meetings. The ZBA Board is looking into having monthly meetings, instead of just as needed.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Clothier to purchase notice of Public Hearing signs, all were in favor, none opposed.

Assessor – We had Grievance Day for two days due to an error in the advertisement.

Code Enforcement/Zoning – There were 15 building permits issued with fees of \$1,245.30 and a construction value of \$236,236.64. There were 42 building inspections conducted and 12 building permits closed. There were 10 fire inspection & operating permits completed with fees of \$250.00. There were 29 fire inspections conducted. There were 14 violations issued, 29 violation inspections and 15 violations inspected.

Youth – The Youth Director is planning a last day of school celebration at Scoops.

Highway Superintendent – He spoke with the men about covering the camera. Highway Superintendent Duncan has a revised 284 agreement for the Board to

consider. They have been working with Hannibal and Oswego Town blacktopping. They have also been doing driveways, culverts, hauling gravel and mowing. There are three trucks down right now. Councilor Clothier asked if they have had a chance to do any ditching. Highway Superintendent Duncan said they had not. He would like to hire flag people for the paving projects. He wrote a letter to the Board requesting to move funds into different accounts. He received a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation asking what we are going to do with the Old State Road bridge. The DOT is planning to red flag the bridge if we don't do something with it.

Councilor English made a motion to amend the current 284 Agreement with the changes proposed by Highway Superintendent Duncan. There was no second, the motion failed.

Supervisor – Bob Dalton is back in the Codes Department. There were 114 property maintenance violations in OpenGov, Mr. Dalton is through almost all of them. Supervisor Snow, Jr. also went through all the open building permits and printed the ones that have had no communication in three months. Bob has been calling these to find out what the status is. These permits need to be documented quarterly. The Board discussed ways the Codes Department could run more efficiently.

The sign at the Town Hall needs to be replaced. Supervisor Snow, Jr. asked the Board if they would like the signs to match at both locations or replace the sign at the Court/Highway Department with one similar to the one that is there now.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a logo for the Town of Granby was designed and approved by the Town Council on January 11, 1989, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council contracted to have a new logo designed in September of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council tabled the designs that were submitted, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council contracted with Face First Creative and a design was discussed at the work session held on May 22, 2024,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Granby, that the final proposal discussed at the work session is hereby adopted as the official logo for the Town of Granby.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to adopt the Resolution to adopt the official logo for the Town of Granby, all were in favor, none opposed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor conducted a search in the database of unclaimed funds held by the New York State Comptroller, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has completed an application to claim funds that were turned in by Walmart, Inc. for undelivered goods that were ordered, and

WHEREAS, the application requires a notarized statement from an appropriate officer or partner authorizing the signatory to sign on behalf of the organization,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Granby does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor, John Snow, Jr., to sign the application to be mailed to the Office of Unclaimed Funds.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to adopt the Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign the application for Unclaimed Funds, all were in favor, none opposed.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Clothier to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts 11 and 11P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$20,325.34	Capital Projects	\$2,607,410.48
Highway	\$40,954.29		

ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION

Codes Old State Road bridge

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor Clothier to close the Public Hearing for the Firefighter Exemption, all were in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, second by Supervisor Snow, Jr. to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.