# TOWN OF GRANBY PUBLIC HEARING/ PUBLIC WORK SESSION JANUARY 26, 2022 6:00 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 6:09 P.M. Present were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands, Marianne Ingerson and Irene Wiestner. Highway Superintendent Duncan and Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego were also in attendance. There was 1 resident in attendance.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. explained that the reason for this Public Hearing was to remove a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for failure to comply with attendance and training requirements.

Hearing no comments, Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to close the Public Hearing, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:13 P.M.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands, Marianne Ingerson and Irene Wiestner. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan and Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego were also present. There was 1 resident in attendance.

#### **Executive Session**

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to enter into Executive Session to include the Town Clerk, to discuss litigation and strategy with the Attorney for the Town, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:18 P.M.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to end Executive Session and reconvene the meeting, all were in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:45 P.M.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

The Board discussed the recommendations for Code Enforcement Fees given to the Town Board by Code Enforcement Officer Hanford. Councilor Ingerson does not agree with the increase in fees. She has looked at other neighboring Town's fees and thinks our fees should be similar. If we charge too much, residents will not apply for permits. Councilors Wiestner and Farrands agree. Supervisor Snow, Jr. also does not agree with all the recommendations, but said we also have to consider all the new State codes taking effect. The Board would like Mr. Hanford to attend a meeting to discuss the proposed fees.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. discussed with the Board the letter from the Planning Board regarding proposed regulations for wireless communication facilities. Supervisor Snow, Jr. recommended this be passed on to the Town Engineer for review. He will also write a letter to the Planning Board advising them as to what action we have taken.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. introduced a Local Law which would be inserted into the Zoning Ordinance under Section 7, Administration, Paragraph C for site plan and special use procedures.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to authorize the Supervisor to settle the claims of Okoniewski vs the Town of Granby in the amount of \$135.40, Vayner vs the Town of Granby in the amount of 108.87 and Gilbert vs the Town of Granby in the amount of \$653.22, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Town Clerk received one fuel bid from Mirabito Energy Products which she handed out to the Board. The Bid includes a certificate of non-collusion as required per the bid specs.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve and award the fuel bid from Mirabito Energy Products, all were in favor, none opposed.

#### RESOLUTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER FOR CAUSE

**WHEREAS,** Section VIII (A) (4) of the Town of Granby Zoning Ordinance, as adopted on June 4, 1975 and as amended thereafter, provides that all zoning board of appeals members (a) shall attend a minimum of 85% of all scheduled meetings, and (b) shall complete a minimum of four hours of training each year; and;

**WHERAS,** Town Law § 267 provides that, effective January 1, 2007, all zoning board of appeals members in New York State, as well as alternate members of those boards, must complete a minimum of four hours of training each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the above sections of Local and State law provide that a zoning board of appeals member may be removed for cause and/or shall not be eligible for reappointment to such board if they have not attended 85% of all scheduled meetings and/or completed the training required by law; and,

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to information received by the Town Board of the Town of Granby, Oswego County, New York ("Town Board") it is/was the belief of the Town Board that that zoning board of appeals member Thomas Thompson, has failed to comply with the aforementioned meeting attendance and training requirements; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board duly desires the immediate removal of zoning board of appeals member Thomas Thompson for cause due to the member's failure to comply with the aforementioned meeting attendance and training requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the above sections of Local and State law, the Town Board having, on January 26, 2022 commencing at 6:00p.m., duly held a public hearing regarding the removal of zoning board of appeals member Thomas Thompson for cause for failure to comply with the aforementioned meeting attendance and training requirements,

and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter and the matter of the removal of zoning board of appeals member Thomas Thompson for cause for failure to comply with the aforementioned meeting attendance and training requirements having been fully discussed and considered, it is

**RESOLVED,** that:

a. Zoning board of appeals member Thomas Thompson is hereby immediately removed for cause due to his failure to comply with the aforementioned meeting attendance and training requirements; and,

b. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was approved by a motion by Councilor Ingerson and seconded by Councilor DeLong and was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ayes		Noes	
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Councilor DeLong Councilor Ingerson Supervisor Snow, Jr.	Aye Aye Aye	Councilor Farrands Councilor Weisner	'

Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to thank Mr. Thompson for his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He was a valued member of the Board.

The Town Clerk received a letter from the Attorney representing Fairway Billiards Inc. asking the Town to waive the 30-day advance notice to the Municipality to obtain a Liquor License. He also asked the Town Board for a letter of support for his client due to the proximity of a Church nearby. The Clerk explained that the applicant has yet to appear before the Planning Board.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, to waive the 30-day notice and issue a letter of support for Fairway Billiards Inc., hearing no second, the motion failed.

### **PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS**

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts 2 and 2A, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$ 10,549.97	Highway Fund	\$5,298.70
Capital Projects Fund	\$502,069.30		

The Board conducted the audits of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

### ADJOURNMENT

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.