

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PUBLIC WORK SESSION
JANUARY 25, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands and Irene Wiestner. Councilor Ingerson joined the meeting at 6:32 P.M. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan and Deputy Supervisor/Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego were also present. There was one resident in attendance.

AUDIT

The Town Board conducted the annual audit of the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Tax Collector records.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to table the Mailbox Policy discussion, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. has sent the Board information on the weather sensors. He would like to place five sensors around the Town that collect data and send information back to the Highway Superintendent regarding road conditions.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to postpone this discussion, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. has sent the Board information on a dash unit that takes images as you drive and puts together a condition survey of the roads. This will help with a road improvement plan.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to table this discussion, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Snow, Jr. to postpone the discussion regarding the Community Center rental procedures, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to postpone making a decision on the flooring for the Town Hall, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to postpone the decision regarding the cleaning position, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Cody Fire Department has asked the Town if they would plow their parking lots. Highway Superintendent Duncan is not in favor of this because he says it will take too much time away from plowing the roads. Mr. Donhauser from the Cody Fire Department says the cost of hiring an outside contractor is very high and the response trucks are not really set up to handle a plow. They do have trucks that they could put a plow on, but since the Town has a new plow, it doesn't make sense for them to purchase a plow too. They are looking to save the taxpayers money. They are not looking to be plowed out first or even every time there is a foot of snow. The fire trucks can get through a lot of snow if they have to get out. They would just like the Town to plow them out when they are not busy on the roads.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. stated he has been working with Assemblyman Will Barclay's Office in support of an exemption on property taxes for volunteer fire department members. The Governor recently passed a law allowing all Towns in New York State to do a property exemption for volunteers. He will be speaking to Assessor Roach about this.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to appoint Lesa Kittredge to the Board of Assessment Review to fulfill the remainder of Henry Hudson's term to expire on September 30, 2025, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to enter into Executive Session to discuss the potential employment of specific individuals that have applied for the for the Zoning Board of Appeals, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. did not attend Executive Session. Deputy Supervisor Crego presided over the session.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to reconvene the meeting, all were in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:47 P.M.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to conduct interviews for the Zoning Board of Appeals position on February 8th, 2023 starting at 6:00 P.M., all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. had a meeting with David Wilson, our new Codes Officer, to discuss the process that he is doing. Mr. Wilson is also in need of a CEO badge.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve a budget amendment proposed by Supervisor Snow, Jr. to purchase badges as follows, all were in favor, none opposed.

Decrease A.1990.400 by \$3,250.00	Increase A.1220.410 by \$1,000.00
Increase A.3120.410 by \$1,250.00	Increase A.8664.410 by \$1,000.00

Supervisor Snow, Jr. spoke with Assessor Roach regarding the revaluation project set for this year. Mr. Roach would like to wait another year to complete the project. The Board would like to ask Assessor Roach to a meeting.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Wiestner made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to approve payment of the Town bills as audited on Abstracts 2 and 2P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General	\$7,362.68	Highway	\$5,519.75
Water	\$8,846.13		

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.