

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. leading those present in the Salute to the Flag. 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 Deputy Supervisor/Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego were also present. There was one resident 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 – Jeri Briggs from Phinney Road asked how the speed reduction request on Phinney Road was going. Supervisor Snow, Jr. said we have not heard anything from the State yet.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Supervisor – The financial and investment reports have been emailed to the Board. There were no questions from the Board regarding the reports. The USDA has everything they need for the new Town Hall project. We will be scheduling a pre-construction meeting as soon as we hear from the USDA. The roof on the current Town Hall has been completed and the gutters are being scheduled. The painter would like to wait for warmer weather to paint the pole barn. He has been working with Senator Barclay's office regarding the speed reduction request that was denied on State Route 48 South. The State has agreed to reopen the investigation. He has not heard back about the speed limit yet, but they have agreed to fill in some of the ditches in the area, which are very deep and dangerous. The State is sending a letter to the Sheriff and the Troopers that more enforcement of speed is necessary. Supervisor Snow, Jr. has submitted an ARPA application to the County with some of the outside drawings for improvements at the community center. He had a conference with the State regarding a water service area for County Route 85, Bingham, Rathburn, Ridge and Phillips roads. He found out we can apply for another WIIA Grant. Supervisor Snow, Jr. will be leaving for a conference on May 21st and will be returning on May 28th, Deputy Supervisor Crego will be running the work session on May 24th.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for April was \$1,586.11. A check in the amount of \$52.00 was sent to the New York State Department of Ag & Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check to the Supervisor in the amount of \$1,524.66 for local shares and \$9.45 to the DEC for licensing.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to accept the financial reports from the Supervisor and the Town Clerk, all were in favor, none opposed.

Code Enforcement/Zoning – There were 6 building permits issued with fees of \$391.70 and a construction value of \$814,486.00. There were 25 building inspections conducted and 5 building permits closed. There were 4 fire inspection/operating permits completed with fees of \$100.00. There were 3 violations issued, 11 violation inspections and 4 violations corrected. Supervisor Snow, Jr. said there has been an investigation opened regarding a complaint against The Compound.

Dog Control Officer – Report emailed to the Board

Planning Board – Planning Board Chairperson Crego said they have Public Hearings coming up on the cell tower and the car wash.

Justice – Supervisor Snow, Jr. said Justice Doyle approached him regarding providing credit card protection to the Justices. He then spoke with Justice Schmidt and she told him some Towns are providing LifeLock to their Justices. Councilor Ingerson said she spoke to Justice Doyle and he said they had not been able to obtain an individual for the part time court clerk position. He will be approaching the Board to advertise in the newspaper.

Highway Superintendent – They are working on King Road today and will be working on Guile Road tomorrow. They have started the regular mowing. They have done a little ditching and put one culvert in, but the new Gradall has been giving them some problems. The mechanic has been here and parts are on order. They have also been working on the trucks.

Assessor – Supervisor Snow, Jr. reported that the Board of Assessment Review training has been completed. The tentative roll has been filed with the Town Clerk. The Town revaluation that the Board asked Assessor Roach to do last year did not get done. As a result, our equalization rate will be at 68% and the Town will lose two million dollars in taxable value.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to approve the budget modifications as proposed by Budget Officer/Supervisor Snow, Jr., all were in favor, none opposed.

Increase A.8664.410 by \$ 5,000.00 Increase A.1620.113 by \$3,500.00

Increase A.1620.833 by \$ 268.00	Increase A.1620.853 by \$ 74.00
Decrease A.1620.482 by \$ 3,842.00	Increase A.1220.410 by \$1,500.00
Increase A.1340.410 by \$ 1,500.00	Increase A.1620.495 by \$3,000.00
Increase A.1620.496 by \$ 500.00	Increase A.1220.443 by \$1,000.00
Increase A.1620.251 by \$14,000.00	Increase A.1330.461 by \$ 7.00
Decrease A.9950.900 by \$14,000.00	

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts 9 and 9P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$43,315.42	Highway Fund	\$28,277.95
Sewer Fund	\$ 520.00	H Fund	\$ 1,226.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to the employment of a certain individual and to discuss strategies for pending litigation, to include Deputy Supervisor/Planning Board Chairperson Crego, Highway Superintendent Duncan and the Town Clerk, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:31 P.M.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 8:17 P.M.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

The Board would like to invite Assessor Roach to a meeting and for him to have a plan to present to the Board with a course of action and a timeline that he would like the Board to follow for the revaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.