

PLANNING BOARD

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Members:

Lisa Anderson, Vice Chair

Charles Maheu, Jr, member

Kevin Brooks, Secretary Jim Trompke, PVPC, Rep

Others:

Lillian Camus

Absent:

Pam Desjardins, George Boyle

Meeting:

Monday, September 24, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

10-B West State Street, COA Building

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Administrative Items

- Motion made by Kevin Brooks and seconded by Jim Trompke to approve the August 13, 2012 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3-0-0.
- Motion made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Lisa Anderson to approve the September 11, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0-0. Kevin Brooks abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

Discussion and review of Open Space Plan

The Board discussed the revised edition of the Open Space Plan which was sent to the Board on September 7, 2012.

Jim Trompke stated he would like to see specifically what has been amended from the previous version.

Joe Maheu suggested the following revisions as he reviewed the Open Space Plan:

- Page 22 Zoning flood plain district is an overlay and agriculture preservation is an overlay and we have eight zoning districts.
- Page72 Discussion about increasing the lot size was not discussed by the Planning Board.

Lisa Anderson will talk with Pam Desjardins regarding obtaining copies of the revised Open Space Plan for the Board as well as a list of the changes made from the previous version.

• Discussion of the Goals and Objectives important to the Planning Board for progress and development in Granby over the short and long term.

Jim Trompke said we need to get all the department heads to discuss what is being planned with regard to the five corners area, sidewalks, water and sewer. Additionally, zoning bylaws may also need to be created.

Joe Maheu noted there is technical assistance from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). Jim Trompke will talk with them to see what they can do to assist us.

• Discussion of the Role of the Planning Board in coordinating with other Town Officials for the purpose of working together on projects that intersect and creating an ongoing means of communication to facilitate development for the town with the Planning Boards goals and objectives in mind.

Lisa Anderson relayed that Pam Desjardins spoke with the Select Board, who are discussing the same subject and asked if the Select Board wanted the Planning Board to take the lead. The Select Board agreed the Planning Board should take the lead.

Motion made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Kevin Brooks for the Planning Board to spearhead the first meeting of all Town Department Heads. The Planning Board will meet first to discuss bullet points for the meeting with all Town Department Heads. Motion carried 4-0-0.

 Discussion of the role of a Town Planner and whether or not this is an important position for Granby to consider having in place and what might be the best mechanism to accomplish this.

Jim Trompke will ask PVPC if they can assist with the role of Town Planner.

• Consideration of a resource available to businesses that want to open in Granby to provide them with information on procedures for all departments and boards.

Jim Trompke will ask PVPC if they can assist with this.

• Letter from George and Beverly Galusha

The Galusha's are in the process of selling lot 11 on Barton Street which is part of their farm property. The land consists of 9.3 acres. It is reported on the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, plan book 19, pg. 24 under the regulations of 61A.

Kevin Brooks explained that the town gets first right of refusal when any land is taken out of 61A.

Motion made by Joe Maheu and seconded by Kevin Brooks that at the present time the Planning Board feels no need for the Town of Granby to pursue 61A reported on the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, plan book 19, pg. 24. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Lisa Anderson will ask Cathy Leonard to send a letter to the Select Board with the above decision with a copy to George and Beverly Galusha.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- Kevin Brooks reported on the dam at Aldrich Lake. Conservation has issued an order of intent approved with conditions.
- 7:05 p.m. West Mass Discussion Site Plan No representative for West Mass was at the meeting. They will be rescheduled once all the required materials are received.
- Joe Maheu asked about what the Board decided on the library fee. Pam Desjardins was checking previous minutes to see if the Board waived the fee. Lillian will also check previous minutes for any voting regarding library fees.

• Next Planning Board Meetings

- o Tuesday, October 9, 2012
- o Monday, October 22, 2012

• New and Continued Action Items

Action Item	Person	Due Date
	Responsible	
Copies of the Open Space Plan for Planning Board	Lisa Anderson	10/09/12
Members		
PVPC -	Jim Trompke	10/09/12
Can they advise the Board on the Goals and		
Objectives important to the Planning Board for		
progress and development in Granby over the short		
and long term?		
Can they help with Town Planner?		
Assist as a resource available to businesses that want		
to open in Granby to provide them with information		
on procedures for all departments and boards		
Ask Cathy Leonard to send a letter to the Select Board with	Lisa Anderson	10/09/12
the above decision with a copy to George and Beverly		
Galusha		

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Kevin – Joe second. Adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. by Kevin Brooks and seconded by Joe Maheu. Motion carried 4-0-0

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the September 24, 2012 Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus
Recording Secretary