



## PLANNING BOARD

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Members: Pam Desjardins, Chair  
Lisa Anderson, Secretary  
Kevin Brooks, Vice Chair

Others Present: Jim Trompke, Member, not present but on phone  
Historical Commission Members, Historical Society Members, GPS Members,  
See attached signature sheet, Select Board member Mary McDowell.

Absent: Mike Pandora, Member, Historical District Members

Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.  
10-B West State Street, Large meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pam Desjardins called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **APPOINTMENTS/AGENDA:**

7:00 New Business.

Discussion of Village Commons Area, an building within that district.

Topics to discuss: Preservation concerns, best method of maintaining economic development with these buildings, possible coalition of attending groups, best way to market, discussion of what should be recommended to select board.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES: N/A**

**OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION: N/A**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The GPS (Granby Preservation Society) group is in the process of becoming a 501C3. They are a brand new group. Chris Beck is president. Their main goal is to work towards preserving Kellogg Hall.

This group is trying to acquisitioning the State for grants to preserve Kellogg Hall. The State has doubled their funding in this area.

GPS has received Gregg Farmers findings on the building. The Town of Granby hired him to review the building.

Gayle states that individuals such as their group don't have to be held to the same standards as the municipalities. Gayle figured \$7-\$16,000 on the tax base. The first RFP went out in October of 2012, with no results.

The Select Board has put out 2 RFP's on their own, which resulted in no interest.

Terry Johnson , president of Historical Society stated that at a select board meeting a select person asked them to take this building over for \$1.00, but after reviewing the entire project, they realized it was too big of a project and needed help so they contacted the GPS group to see if they would be interested in heading the project.

George Randall III, Vice President of the Historical Society is totally frustrated with the way the Town fathers have permitted the buildings to get so horrific.

Pam Desjardins, would like to see another RFP go out, written differently to entice developers to want to purchase the building, to get business's to want to be in the building.

Pam Desjardins suggested to the groups, that the head of each committee get together and meet before the next select board meeting to discuss and come up with a list to go into the RFP, so it includes every groups concerns and issues.

The groups will meet Monday at 6pm before the select board meeting. Pam will then go to the Select Board meeting that night and speak for the group with their findings for the RFP.

We lost Jim Trompke after 20 minutes of the meeting, bad phone connection from Florida. Pam asked the planning board members in attendance to vote to allow her to help with the RFP with the Historical groups, them to submit it to the Select Board.

Motion was made by Kevin Brooks, seconded by Lisa Anderson. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion was made to adjourn at 9:40p.m. by Kevin Brooks and seconded by Lisa Anderson. Motion carried 3 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

The Public Hearing is set for February 27, 2014. The Town Meeting will be March 10, 2014.

I, Lisa A. Anderson, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the February 3, 2014 Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa A. Anderson  
Secretary