

MINUTES
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GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monday, September 14, 2015
7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Marty Schwager, Jim Caldwell, Rob Rome, Dan O'Connell, Matt Garrett and Ken Kuhl. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm in the Granby Town Hall, Meeting Room.

The members discussed the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting. On a motion by Dan O'Connell seconded by Matt Garrett, the Commission voted to approve the minutes. All approved.

The members discussed the economic climate of the Town particularly new businesses. An All-State insurance office is opening at 10 Hartford Avenue. A new restaurant, @ The Barn is now open at 17R East Granby Road, former site of the Old Oak Tavern. Improvements are proposed for Gessler's supermarket and the Rancho Viejo Mexican restaurant in the Bank Street plaza. Fran anticipates that another business will soon be occupying the former Family Hardware space. Granby resident Eric Mainardi has purchased the former Avery homestead at 2 Park Place. He has converted the historic 200 year old building into a cutting edge work environment. Now known as 2 Park Place, Granby, LLC, the building will offer shared office space while providing all services and support for the small business owner who doesn't want the hassle and overhead of managing a facility for their 1-10 employees. Eric reports that everything will be included in the monthly rent, from utilities and networking, to internet and phone connectivity (with included onsite IT support), as well as conferencing abilities and parking.

The Asian Grill on Mill Pond Drive has closed and Fran anticipates that a new business will soon be occupying the space. The new Granby Laundry Works at 9 Mill Pond Drive has now been operating for about a year and has proven to be very popular. The former home at 308 Salmon Brook Street is undergoing a conversion to the Studio 17 Hair Salon and Wellness Spa and should open this fall. Ken Kuhl reported that home sales have been very strong during the summer months. He discussed his listing of the Leake property located at 8 East Granby Road.

The Commission was updated on the Center Sidewalk project. The property appraisals have been completed and letters will soon go to the residents, following a discussion with the State DOT. Construction will begin in the spring, with specifications out in January.

The Commission discussed meeting with various businesses over the coming months. Fran will contact businesses to arrange visits.

The Commission briefly discussed the Brignole property at 261 Salmon Brook Street. A restaurant has been discussed for this property and the PZC recently amended Section 3.12.5 of the Granby Zoning Regulations, items 1-2 which allows an application for a restaurant.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano