

MINUTES
GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monday, November 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

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

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The members discussed the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting. On a motion by Dan O'Connell seconded by Ken Kuhl, the Commission approved the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting. All approved.

The members discussed the economic climate and current activity. Residential sales and new construction were discussed. The location, style and quality of new home construction were discussed. Housing in Granby Center continues to be discussed. The future of the suburbs and rural communities was discussed, along with Granby's efforts to set itself apart from other communities through agricultural activities, open space, recreation and a strong Town Center.

The bulk of the meeting concentrated on the application for a 2015 STEAP grant and specific projects that might be a part of the application. The members supported the construction of an interior Center sidewalk that would link the Merchants Way sidewalk to Park Place. The installation of traditional street lighting around the Center Green and along the south portion of Salmon Brook Street to Salmon Brook Park was supported by the members. The design and installation of landscaped areas and the design, construction and installation of Center signage was discussed. The Town Center regulations contain model sign designs and guidelines. As discussed at previous meetings, the new installation of signs, designed under these guidelines can both direct people to the Center and help to unify the Center area through a common center sign design. The members supported the placement of 2 signs on the Town Green, which would direct motorists down Route 189 and Route 20 to the business area. The members also supported improvements to the property of the Granby Historic Society, lights at Salmon Brook Park and the retention of a landscape architect who can prepare preliminary drawings of details which can enhance sites throughout the center area. The drawings can be used to engage the center business owners at a future business workshop. Fran will continue working on the STEAP grant for submittal by the end of November.

The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano
Acting Recording Secretary