

MINUTES
GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Present: Marty Schwager, Chairman, Ken Kuhl and Matt Garrett. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development was also in attendance.

The regularly scheduled meeting of November 12, 2012 was canceled due to the observance of Veteran's Day.

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. in the Granby Senior Center.

The Commission discussed the minutes of the October 5, 2012 meeting. **ON A MOTION** by Marty Schwager, seconded by Ken Kuhl, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of October 5, 2012. All approved.

The Commission discussed economic activity and local commercial and residential activity.

The Commission discussed the Granby Center area and was updated on the proposed sidewalk layout. The members discussed the former Mason's Hall property and agreed that the Town should consider acquiring the property. The members feel that this parcel can be very important for the future development of the Granby Center area. Almost 7,000 vehicles a day pass by the site. Simply removing the building and adding a modest planting plan would greatly improve the aesthetics of the Center. While this property may be seen as just one small parcel within the Commercial Center Zone, it is a strategic piece that can eventually become part of a larger redevelopment of the northern portion of the Center, along Route 20. In the future, this site could be attached to other area properties, which together could accommodate a larger more desirable commercial development.

The Commission was updated on the Town Property at 83 Salmon Brook Street. The property lessee, Peppermill Deli and Bakery is doing a superb job of rehabilitating the property and should be open for business in December. There is no new information on the possibility of a traffic light at the Floydville Road intersection.

The Commission was undated on the proposed 30 apartment units on Mill Pond Road, to be known as Greenway Village.

The Commission discussed infrastructure improvements and reduced lot sizes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Armentano
Acting Recording Secretary