

**TOWN OF GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Granby, Connecticut are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 15 North Granby Road, Granby, Connecticut at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016 for the consideration of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission, the following be accepted as a town road:

Gate House Road

Commencing at an intersection with Hartford Avenue, aka Route 189, located approximately 60 feet northwest of the East Granby Town line and running in a generally southerly direction for 815 feet to the furthest point of the cul-de-sac.

Dated at Granby, Connecticut this 19th day of January 2016.

The warning was duly signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN MODERATOR, John Adams, called the Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and introduced himself. He reviewed the requirements for voting this evening and also reviewed the purpose of tonight's meeting.

MODERATOR Adams then called on the Town Clerk, Karen I. Hazen, to read the call as recorded on page 277.

MODERATOR Adams asked Town Manager Smith if he had received any communications. Town Manager Smith responded there were no communications and then addressed the electors providing background information and indicated all aspects have been reviewed. The acceptance of Gate House Road as a town road has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as the Town Engineer.

MODERATOR Adams called for a RESOLUTION to approve the town road.

The RESOLUTION as recorded on page 277, was introduced by Eric Lukingbeal and seconded by Laura Wolfe.

MODERATOR Adams opened the meeting to public comment.

Jerry Ledger, 89 Bushy Hill Road, spoke in opposition of approving Gate House Road as a town road. He sees no value except to the five people that live there. He stated there has been no consideration for access to Salmon Brook, one of the best trout fishing brooks in the state. He indicated the town engineer stated at a recent Planning and Zoning meeting that the retention pond is not working properly. He believes this should be corrected before the town accepts the road. Town Manager Smith responded that the application for the subdivision is in accordance with Planning and Zoning regulations. We have a full cash bond in place to correct any elements that need to be met. Conditions were enforced, followed, and met by full review with a follow up by our town attorney and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Instruments were prepared and are ready to file with respect to the completion of the project for us to accept it as a dedicated road. Any activities relative to access to the brook should have been brought forward at the Planning and Zoning hearing. In his opinion, Town Manager Smith indicated this is procedural and appropriate to proceed.

Wayne Cahoon, 151 North Granby Road, inquired what the process was to make an approval of a town road and is there an instance where the town did not accept a road. Town Manager Smith responded after all requirements are met, the town will accept a road. There is a check list that is followed by the town and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Once accepted, the town is responsible to maintain the road. Yes, it is another cost to the town, but minimal in the broad picture. It is not something we can put off to save money. It is part of the whole process. First Selectman Kuhnly replied it is fair for a homeowner to expect the town is going to accept the road and maintain it.

There were no other comments from the public.

MODERATOR Adams then called for a voice vote.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

There was no other business to come before the Town Meeting. MODERATOR Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: Karen I. Hazen, Town Clerk

Dated at Granby, Connecticut this 4th day of February 2016