INLAND WETLANDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES
Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Regular/Hybrid Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
7:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER ~** 7:01 pm meeting called to order. Members present when Vice-Chairman John Lipari called the meeting to order were: Lisa Griffin, Paula Saaf & alternate John Erbland. Also present: Town Planner Georgie Driver. Members absent: Chairperson Jennifer Frank, Kenneth Fersch, Jim Marquis & Colby Laviana.
   Vice Chair Lipari seated John Erbland as a voting member tonight.

2. **MINUTES ~** Paula Saaf made a motion to accept the minutes from June 3, 2026, amended to add: ***CC#26-05****-117 Peak Mountain Dr, John Lipari made motion to submit a positive referral to PZC, Paula Saaf seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion passed.* John Erbland seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion passed.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS** ~ none

4. **OLD BUSINESS ~** Georgie Driver presented the Administrative Approvals that were made:

   A. **CC# 26-07** ~ Granbrook Park – Town of East Granby, Applicant/Owner; amend existing permit to bury wire for scoreboard; approx. 320' linear feet-direct burial with 1" ditch witch. (06.17.2026)
   B. **CC# 26-08** ~ Granbrook Park - Town of East Granby, Applicant/Owner; add wild & scenic kiosk (06.04.2026)
   C. **CC# 26-09** ~ Senior Community Center -9 Center Street, Town of East Granby, Applicant/Owner; minor adjustment to shed placement (06.23.2026)

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **July 2, 2026: Notice of Violation ~ 3 Randall Ave., Gabrielle Rusczyk** ~ CORRECTION to agenda: the shed was pre-existing, not a violation and the clearing was in the Upland Review Area, not Wetlands. Resident cleared Upland Review Area without permit; Gabrielle Rusczyk stated she had received the NOV and has since put up silt fence. The trees she removed were dead and causing limbs to fall on her home. She is aware of the violation, and her plans are to seed the area and replace trees removed with arborvitae or similar shrubs. She shared photos with the commission.
  Georgie Driver stated to the commission that Ms. Rusczyk is being compliant and no major flooding concerns, so no specific grass seed would be required as the violation is not within a wetlands area..
  Lisa Griffin asked about providing a plan and it is recommended she share something with staff, just a rough drawing of her mitigation plan, within 2 weeks.
  IWWEO Mark Goderre, via ZOOM, reiterated that the shed was not part of the violation and it seems Ms. Rusczyk has a good plan in place to resolve this issue.
  Vice Chairman Lipari gave a time frame to report back in October, given it's too hot to seed & plant right now; commission agreed.

- **Receipt of application CC#26-10 ~ Southwood Lane; Patrick & Judith Lennon**, Applicant/Owner; application for a permit for a 26' X 28' garage with a breezeway in the upland review area. Commission discussed and received this application.

- **Hybrid meetings** ~ Georgie Driver explained to the commission that it is no longer required for meetings to be hybrid. Members asked if they will still be recorded; yes, they will be recorded and still shared on GCTV.
  Vice Chairman Lipari made a motion to revert back to regular meetings, unless accommodations are requested; Paula Saaf seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT ~ 7:31 pm ~ meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted on this 6th day of August 2026,
Michele Leadbeater
East Granby Building & Land Use Administrative Assistant