INLAND WETLANDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Regular Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
7:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER ~** 7:00 pm meeting called to order. Members present when Chairperson Jennifer Frank called the meeting to order were: Vice-Chairman John Lipari, Lisa Griffin, Paula Saaf, Jim Marquis & alternate John Erbland. Also present: Town Planner Georgie Driver. Member absent: Colby Laviana.

   Chairperson Frank asked for a motion to add to the agenda: changing John Erbland from alternate member to full member to fill the vacancy. Paula Saaf made the motion to add it to agenda; Lisa Griffin seconded the motion; votes were unanimous; motion passed.

2. **MINUTES ~** John Lipari made a motion to accept the minutes from August 5, 2026; Lisa Griffin seconded the motion, votes in favor were all but Chairperson Frank abstained; motion passed.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS ~**
   - Plan for mitigation at: 3 Randall Ave., Gabrielle Rusczyk; commission agreed they would like more details for the October meeting on what kind of trees and how many will be planted.
   - Notice of IWC application in Suffield- MacNaughton Builders on Suffield Line
   - Ken Fersch, member, resignation
   - Chairperson Frank asked for the motion to change Alternate John Erbland to full member to fill the vacancy; Lisa Griffin made the motion; John Lipari seconded it; votes in favor were unanimous; motion passed.
   - Georgie Driver presented **CC#26-13** for Administrative Approval ~ 24 Center Street; EG Public Library, request to install 14' X 20' pavilion on 16' X 27' paver patio; Town of East Granby, owner; Monique Gerken, applicant. Town Engineer and DPW have been consulted and will be involved in this site improvement. Paula Saaf made a motion to accept this application and have Georgie Driver do an Administrative Approval; John Lipari seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous; motion passed. Administrative approval granted.

4. **OLD BUSINESS ~**
   - Acknowledgement of Citation & Fine Ordinance for 09.30.26 Town Meeting; commission received the final draft; any minor edits can be sent to Georgie Driver, but it has been reviewed and approved by town attorney and ready for adoption.

5. **NEW BUSINESS ~**

   - **CC#26-10** ~ 3 Southwood Lane; Application for permit to build a 26' X 28' garage with a breezeway in the upland review area; Patrick & Judith Lennon, Applicants/Owners
     Patrick Lennon presented his application to add the garage. Commission questioned possibility of moving further away from wetland area; applicant stated the changes in elevation of the landscape make that impossible. He will need to remove 2 trees to clear the area for the garage. Commission would like 2 trees planted to replace them. E & S control on plan-commission would like it extended a little further.
     Paula Saaf made a motion to approve CC#26-10, with conditions based on low impact in the wetlands; John Lipari seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous; motion carried.

- **CC#26-11 ~** 8 Russelton Avenue; Request for a jurisdictional ruling for agricultural activity; Traprock Ridge Conservancy, Owner; Ricardo Anderson~Country Garden Oasis, Applicant.
  Ricardo Anderson presented his application; has a lease with Traprock Ridge Conservancy to farm the land. He has walked the land with the town engineer and will work with him on E & S control. Mr. Anderson stated the activities are to extend his growing season and easier access to the farm. He will be adding hoop houses, no foundations, a gate and bringing a pole with electric out. He has been in touch with CL&P regarding that. Georgie Driver outlined that it is essential for his farm and in compliance with our town's POCD.
  Paula Saaf made a motion to accept the agricultural activity as essential with no permit needed; Lisa Griffin seconded the motion; votes were unanimous-motion passed.

- **CC#26-12 ~** 33 Turkey Hills Road; application to replace the bridge on Allgrove Trail; Town of East Granby, Owner; Amanda Thompson, Applicant
  Amanda Thompson presented this application. The bridge will be constructed as an Eagle Scout project by Yury Charniauski. It will be rebuilt on the existing piers. The piers have been inspected by Tom Grimaldi, Town Engineer.
  John Erbland made a motion to change the application to be an Administrative Approval, stating minimal disturbance; Lisa Griffin seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous. Administrative Approval granted.

- Georgie Driver discussed with the commission the order of the agenda. She suggested making an amendment to add: "Agent Approvals" . She will provide something in writing for next meeting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ~** None

7. **ADJOURNMENT ~** Lisa Griffin made a motion to adjourn; Paula Saaf seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:02pm. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted on this 4th day of September 2026,
Michele Leadbeater
East Granby Building & Land Use Administrative Assistant