ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

East Granby, Connecticut

Monday, March 23, 2026
5:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Room & Via ZOOM
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** 5:34 pm- present when Chairman David Iannucci called the meeting to order were: Tom Lally, Dan Barrett, Peter Ritter & Town Planner Justin LaFountain. Members absent: Glenn Zaugg & Kerry Flaherty; Alternate Eric Jones arrived at 6:00 pm.

2. **Vacancies:** Chairman Iannucci discussed the vacancies in the commission. Todd Zessin's term has expired. Chairman Iannucci asked for a motion to submit a request for reappointment to the Board of Selectmen. Peter Ritter made a motion; Tom Lally seconded it; Votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

3. **Welcome** to new town planner, Justin La Fountain, from Goman & York. Justin introduced himself & gave a brief account of his experience.

4. **Minutes:** Peter Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from November 2025; Chairman Iannucci seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried. Peter Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2025; Chairman Iannucci seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

5. **Election of Officers:** Peter Ritter made a motion to continue officers as is; Tom Lally seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried:

   David Iannucci ~ Chairman

   Peter Ritter ~ Vice Chairman

   Tom Lally ~ Secretary

6. **Discussion with public:** N/A ~ no one here or on ZOOM

7. **Other Business:**

   - **Business Retention & Visitation:** Discussion on reinstituting business visitations with the planner & selectperson.
   - **Marketing ~ articles in LTT:** 2 Spotlights in upcoming Let's Talk Turkey to feature: Frank's Place and Hands with Heart Massage.
   - **Planner Report:** Chairman Iannucci communicated with Justin La Fountain how the commission receives a monthly report of development updates, building, commercial, PZC applications, etc. Justin shared the current updates:
     - Nicholson Road Apartment complex has renewed their Inland Wetlands permit, as it had expired, and will be beginning construction
     - Gateway Blvd PZC approval for Phase 1 construction of plaza with drive thru.

- Possible realignment of Gateway/Route 20 access being worked on with Tom Grimaldi, town engineer, and Ken Vincunas- for safety reasons.
- School Street realignment and grant requirements
- Warehouses are currently under litigation; hence a stay in construction.
- Granbrook Park updates – playscape, fountain and mister being installed to facilitate holding summer camps there again.
- LOTCIP grant for sidewalk connectivity extending to new development on East Street

- **New Business discussion:** Chairman Iannucci stated he believes there is a small business making guacamole on Spoonville Road, Peter Ritter will look into it. There is also a new Badminton Club in town. Fly Badminton located on Nicholson Road – Tom Lally will look into that one for a spotlight article.
- Chairman Iannucci also shared that the Tax Abatement program has been in the works and he will share it with Justin to begin pushing this forward.
- There was some discussion on a variety of grants that could be utilized for our town including a Façade grant to update current structures in town.

8. **Adjournment**: Peter Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tom Lally seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of March 2026.

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