ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

East Granby, Connecticut

Monday, April 27, 2026
5:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Room & Via ZOOM
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** 5:32 pm- present when Chairman David Iannucci called the meeting to order were: Tom Lally, Peter Ritter, Jon Trusz, Alternate Sandra Landolina & Town Planner Justin LaFountain. Dan Barrett arrived at 5:36, Kerry Flaherty arrived at 5:41pm, Members absent: Glenn Zaugg & Alternate Eric Jones.

2. **Welcome** to new members: Jon Trusz & alternate Sandra Landolina. Both parties were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancies at the March 25, 2026 Board of Selectmen meeting.

   Chairman Iannucci proposed a retraction of recommending the appointment of Todd Zessin to Board of Selectman.

3. **Minutes:** Peter Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2026; Jon Trusz seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried

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

5. **Communications:**

   - **Planner Report:** Justin LaFountain shared the current updates:

     - 1 Gateway Blvd PZC approval for Phase 1 construction of plaza with drive thru.
     - LOTCIP applications to CRCOG for sidewalks connecting Town center to neighboring & future residential developments; will find out if approved for $1.5 million sometime in May.
     - Planning staff has represented EG at Bradley Development League meetings
     - Staff have also met with Superintendent of Schools to discuss enrollment projections & grant opportunities~ working on a feasibility study for possible expansion of schools.
     - PZC has received an application for a text amendment to the Subdivision regulations pertaining to road types. Public hearing at June PZC meeting.
     - In preparation for the July effective date & required changes per PA 25-1; Staff is reviewing zoning regulations.
     - Wetlands Trail Modification proposal pending with IWCC for trail behind Seymour School to Granbrook Park.
     - Planning staff are currently reviewing land use applications & fees for potential revisions.
       It was agreed that EDC should have an opportunity to review the potential changes first.

- **Other Business discussion:**

  - Commission shared ideas on potential grant opportunities, possibly USDA, for various projects and upgrades for the town; i.e., water main extension to agricultural, to developments;

    Discussion on the commission's lack of budget and how to acquire studies to enable the application of said grants. Questions of possible grants to restart some EDC programs bringing industry & people together, workforce development, etc.

    Members agreed to form a subcommittee with members of other commissions, PZC & BOS to implement a grant writing arrangement.

    Justin shared that he has access to lists of available grants and will share with the commission.

  - PA-25-1; HB 8802; housing bill has passed. Not much to do yet, state waiting on feedback from COGs regarding needs in different areas of the state. Deadline is June of 2028 to develop a town plan.

    Kerry Flaherty expressed the need for affordable, possibly temporary housing, for local farm workers. Is it a town or state level task?

  - Chairman Iannucci stated that the Tax Abatement program has been updated and will share with the commission for next meeting.

  - Kerry Flaherty stated he may want to step back a bit from the commission, stay on as an alternate, and would recommend the consideration of Sandra Landolina as a full member. Chairman Iannucci will see if Alternate Eric Jones has an interest and is okay with that before bringing the option to the board.

6. **Adjournment**: Peter Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kerry Flaherty seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of April 2026.

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