ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

East Granby, Connecticut

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
5:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Room & Via ZOOM
Special Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31 pm- present when Vice Chairman Peter Ritter called the meeting to order were: Dan Barrett, Tom Lally, Jon Trusz, alternate Sandra Landolina & Director/Planner Justin LaFountain. Members absent: Eric Jones, Chairman David Iannucci, Glenn Zaugg & alternate Kerry Flaherty.

2. **Minutes:** Tom Lally made a motion to approve the minutes from September 29, 2026; John Trusz seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried

3. **Discussion with public:** none

4. **Communications:**
   Economic Development Report: Justin LaFountain, shared some updates with the commission. Selectperson Jason Hayes had his second presentation this month regarding sound stages; the next will be at the state capital in January. School Street road update is in the hands of CRCOG & DOT.

5. **Other Business:**

   - **Grant Applications:** Sandy Landolina – Hartford is in receipt; decision in January

   - **Business Visitation & Spotlights:** Peter Ritter has been in contact with Ellsmed-maybe a spotlight in January; Stardust & Roots on Hartford Ave-reaching out to spotlight them & Lucky Penny has a ribbon cutting next week.

   - **New Business Discussion:** Samantha Linner – Beyond Limits physical training & Jen Wright from Luppileto Brewery are new to town. Peter Ritter &/or Tom Lally will visit/contact for LTT articles.
     Deadline for LTT is Nov 2 for Nov 14 publication. LTT will soon be printed and mailed out to households again. Ads will cover the cost of full color printing & town will cover postage.

   - **School Build Committee Report:** Peter Ritter shared the purpose of the committee is to address major concerns of costly repairs and lack of programs for students. Superintendent Suzanne Palmieri would like to come discuss with EDC. Tom Lally made a motion to consider her attending a meeting; Jon Trusz seconded the motion; votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

   - **Tax Incentive Program update:** Chairman Iannucci is heading this program edit, as he is not present; discussion tabled to November meeting.

6. **Adjournment**: Jon Trusz made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tom Lally seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous, meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of October, 2026.

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