TOWN OF GRANBY

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES February 11 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ellen Whitlow, John O'Brien, Shirley Murtha, Rachel Antonucci, Martha LaCrosse

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sara Esthus, Liam O'Leary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Cook, Commissioner, Southwick MA Agricultural Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Ellen Whitlow opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION by John O'Brien, seconded by Ellen Whitlow, the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting were approved.

OPEN FARM DAY

- Sara Esthus is working on a letter to Granby farmers regarding Farm Day, including Save the Date information.
- Dan Cook provided an update and offer of cooperation between Southwick and Granby Open Farm days. Agreement was made to share map resources for cross-promotional purposes, to inform Southwick participants of Granby farms and agricultural products and vice versa.

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

- Members of the Granby Ag Commission will attend Ag Day, representing Granby at the Capitol on March 18th, from 10 - 1.

RIGHT TO FARM

- At the recent Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) meeting, a discussion was held regarding the inclusion of draft language supporting the State Right to Farm statute.

PA 490 WORK GROUP

- Shirley Murtha updated the Commission on the PA-490 Work Group, a working group including representation from Connecticut agricultural organizations, farmers, municipal leaders, and assessors, to recommend alternative measures to improve data collection, review, and valuation processes. Public comments and participation via Zoom is provided.

CLERK JANUARY MEETING PAYMENT - $60

On a motion by Ellen Whitlow, seconded by Rachel Antonucci, the commission voted to approve payment of a monthly stipend for recording secretary duties.

NEXT MEETING

Next Granby Agricultural Commission meeting will take place March 11, 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Rachel Antonucci, seconded by Shirley Murtha the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha LaCrosse
Recording Secretary