Town of Granby
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026 at 7 pm
Via Zoom
Minutes – Subject to Approval

1. Roll Call

Present: David Desiderato, Zach Donais, and Kara Marshall, commissioners
Ruthann Zafian, Dave Lusteg, and J Martin, members of the public.
The meeting opened at 7:03 pm

2. Public Comment

Ruthann Zafian and Dave Lusteg expressed interest in joining the Commission. J Martin had technical difficulties and was unable to be heard via Zoom.

3. Review of the May 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meetings were not approved because there was not a quorum present.

4. Continued Farm Lease Conversation

Kara Marshall shared the history of the project with the members of the public. No new information shared.

Action Item: Kara Marshall will reach out to the Agricultural Commission for feedback and to develop a testing plan.
David Desiderato will explore grant opportunities.

5. Energy Conservation & Renewables on Town Property

Kara Marshall shared the history of the project with the members of the public. David Desiderato asked if the technical assessment of the Town Hall complex properties was available.

Action Item: David Desiderato will reach out to the town manager to request the report.
Kara Marshall to follow up about the status of the no-cost weatherization projects

6. Broadleaf Solar

Kara Marshall shared the history of the project. She reported that she'd attended the June 17 Board of Selectmen meeting at which a representative of Broadleaf solar made a presentation. The representative reported that they plan to cut down the trees along Salmon Brook Street, tunnel under Salmon Brook at the rail trail, and did not provide detail about decommissioning.

Action Item: Commissioners invited to review the application materials at https://www.broadleafsolar.com/ and share responses and questions at the July meeting. If appropriate, the Commission can formulate questions or comments for the town.

7. Composting
Kara Marshall shared the history of the project.

Action Item: Kara to follow up with Will Madsen to confirm Aldridge's availability for the July 14th meeting.

8. Plan of Conservation & Development
No information to discuss.

Action Item: Zach Donais to determine if a representative to the POCD is needed from among the commissioners.

9. Recruitment for the Open Commissioners
Two interested people attended the meeting. When asked how they'd learned about the opportunity, Dave Lusteg said he'd learned about it from the Drummer article, and Ruthann Zafian said she'd reached out to the Town Clerk. The commission discussed areas of opportunity for new commissioners, highlighting composting as a potentially large effort.

10. Meeting Topics for July 14, 2026
David Desiderato received a request that Granby become involved in a sustainability fair and suggested we discuss it next month. The agenda may be adjusted if a guest is available to discuss composting.

11. Final Comments from Commissioners
Kara Marshall shared that she saw killdeer flying over the capped landfill by I-91 in Hartford. She thought it was a good reminder that we have made some progress.

12. Adjourn
The Commission adjourned at 7:51 pm

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