Town of Granby
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2026 at 7 pm
Via Zoom
Minutes – Subject to Approval

1. Roll Call

Present: David Desiderato, Zach Donais, Kara Marshall, and Ruth Zafian commissioners
Public: Michael Miller
The meeting opened at 7:07 pm

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of the October 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Ruth Zafian moved, David Desiderato seconded, and the Commission approved the minutes unanimously.

4. Energy Conservation & Renewables on Town Property

Zach Donais sent an email message to Mike Walsh to learn whether the town still needs Commission support in this area. He had not heard back by the time of the meeting, but will report on any response in December

5. Composting

Ruth Zafian will meet with Will Madsen next week to continue to work on a plan. The Commission remains eager to take action on this item.

6. Sustainability Fair

David Desiderato reported that a group in Simsbury has held a Sustainability Fair in the Spring in Simsbury for a few years, and the event now involves Avon, Farmington, and Bloomfield. The event has taken place at the library and has filled two parking lots with exhibitors. If Granby gets involved, we would need to send a representative to events and recruit exhibitors and sponsors. Ruth Zafian expressed an interest in learning more and representing Granby.

Action Item:

- Ruth Zafian to follow up with Bayard Faithfull to learn more about the event.

7. Christmas Tree Disposal

Jeff Miller was unable to attend the meeting, but he reported by email that he had met with the Department of Public Works. Annually, the town spends $5,000-$6,000 in labor to collect Christmas Trees. Miller proposed that we work with Holcomb Farm to organize a collection point where the trees could be turned into bark mulch. The mulch could then be returned to residents as mulch for gardens and flower beds. The Commission

discussed the idea and were in general favorable. We would need to determine where the collection point would be, when it would occur, and who has the wood chipper to do the work. It would also need to be communicated to the town in advance of the holiday season.

Action Item:

- Kara Marshall to work with Jeff Miller to develop a plan and communicate it out.

8. Meeting Topics for December 8, 2026

The agenda will remain the same.

9. Final Comments from Commissioners

David Desiderato reported that the December "Not Wanted" column in the *Granby Drummer* will report on the Connecticut Invasive Plants Working Group Symposium which featured Zach Donais among other presenters.

Kara Marshall reminded the Commission that we still have an open seat and invited that they encourage anyone they know who might be interested to apply.

Action Item:

- David Desiderato volunteered to write up another note in the December *Granby Drummer*.

10. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned at 7:37 pm

Minutes Prepared by Kara Marshall



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