TOWN OF GRANBY
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 20026

Members Present: Anthony McGovern, Greg Dion, Sheri Litchfield, Francis Armentano, Valerie Eastwood, and Jared Barry

Staff Present: Sandra Yost

Absent: Vacant position

Public: None present

Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ON A MOTION**,** by Chairman McGovern, seconded by V. Eastwood, the Board approved the June 2, 2026 meeting minutes as written. (5-0-1) S. Litchfield abstained.

PUBLIC SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:
Quality/Safety of Park Life

1. **E-Bike Rule:**

Background:

1. Town resident reached out and shared an unfortunate encounter with an e-bike rider as he used the walking path at Salmon Brook Park.
2. GPD responded to a call for service at SBP related to youths using e-bikes in a hazardous manner.
3. E-bike riding injuries are a frequent occurrence as the bikes can be powerful and result in accidents and injuries to the riders and pedestrians.

Result:

In light of the above, with support from the Parks and Rec. Board, the GPD, Parks and Recreation staff, and using the authority Granby Town ordinance 121-5 *vests in the Town Manager, as designated Superintendent of Parks... and shall have the authority to designate areas of the Town Parks as suitable for certain activities or as areas in which certain activities will be prohibited*, the following regulation (ban) on E-Bikes in Town Parks has been issued:

Effective Friday, September 4, 2026, for safety reasons, the Town of Granby bans the use of e-bikes and non-medically required electric scooters within all Town parks. Such e-bikes and scooters can be parked at the entrance to the park in the designated areas. Further, traditional bikes are prohibited from operating on the walking path within Salmon Brook Park. Under Town ordinance 121-26, the fine for such an offense shall be $50.

2. Fines

Review of current fine amounts have been forwarded to the Town Manager for consideration and forwarding to the Board of Selectmen as this requires ordinance change.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staff updates

Director Yost shared the following updates from the Recreation Department:

Vote on Capital Projects FY27 has been moved to December 8, 2026. Special Town Meeting to be held on December 1, 2026 at 7:00PM to discuss the items for consideration. This includes a proposed year-round bathroom at the north end of Salmon Brook Park and the installation of up to four pickleball courts.

Engineered plans for the walking path extension and wooden access path to Rt. 20 parking lot have been submitted. The project, if it remains on track, should be completed in Spring 2027.

New pavilion and park benches should be installed later this year.

Upcoming events include Spooky Stroll, Comedy Night, Holiday Marketplace, and Breakfast with Santa.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON A MOTION by A. McGovern, seconded by S. Litchfield, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yost
Acting Recording Secretary