INLAND WETLANDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Regular/Hybrid Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
7:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER ~** 7:00 pm meeting call to order. Members present when Chairperson Jennifer Frank called the meeting to order were: Lisa Griffin, Kenneth Fersch, & alternates John Erbland & Paula Saaf Also present: Town Planner Georgie Driver. Members absent: John Lipari, Jim Marquis, Colby Laviana & Joel Strong.

2. Chairperson Frank made a motion to add a discussion on EG Farms to the agenda; Ken Fersch seconded the motion; Votes in favor were unanimous, motion passed.

3. **MINUTES ~** Lisa Grifffin made a motion to accept the minutes from January 8, 2026 amended to correct "forced management project' to "FOREST management project". Ken Fersch seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion passed.

   Chairperson Frank seated alternates John Erbland and Paula Saaf as voting members tonight.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS** ~
   - Report from IWEO, Mark Goderre, inspected the amended permit requirements for: **APPLICATION: CC#25-06 ~** Gabrielle Rusczyk, 3 Randall Avenue; Millings have been replaced with washed stone as requested by the commission.
   - Letter from Aquarion, will share link regarding grant opportunities
   - Abutting town letter regarding solar project in Windsor Locks

5. **NEW BUSINESS ~**
   - Georgie Driver reviewed the 3 administrative approvals that have been processed:
     - **CC#26-01**~ 20 Center St (Senior Center) shed: 12' X 16' storage shed 85' from wetlands/brook
     - **CC#26-02~** 13 Nicholson Road: expired permit renewed with same conditions from town engineer
     - **CC#26-03~** 8 Russelton Road: change bridge support beams from wood to steel on bridge trail to Granbrook from Seymour School
   - Georgie also noted the commission should review and amend by-laws every January. Read thru section by section to amend and improve: to do next meeting.
   - Ms. Driver shared the receipt of the Broad Leaf Solar Project plan. She will review and provide summary to commission.
   - Chairman Frank made a motion to appoint Georgie Driver as the commission's Wetland Agent; John Erbland seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous, motion passed.
   - Receipt of applications:
     - **CC# 26-04** ~ 185 Hartford Ave – Modification of project (CC# 22-05); Seymour School trail to Granbrook Park-Amanda Thompson/Town of East Granby, Applicant/Owner; (DOR: 04.01.26)
     - **CC# 26-05** ~ 117 Peak Mountain Dr – Timothy Brignole, Applicant/Owner- referral for a re-subdivision (DOR: 05.06.26)
     - **CC#26-06** ~ 7 Airport Park Road-Coherent 30,000 sq ft addition; (DOR: 05.06.26); will meet with applicant at the June meeting and decide if public hearing is needed at that time.

- **POCD** discussion on Conservation Commission's goals and objectives. Bob Ravens-Seger was present as a liaison from Planning & Zoning to hear questions & concerns. Amanda Thompson, President of Traprock Conservancy has shared notes with Mr. Ravens-Seger. Copies of her comments will be shared with the Commission.
  As Georgie Driver explained, the POCD goals are a 10-year plan. Changes can be made to the POCD at any time with an amendment, if the need arises.

6. **Addition to Agenda:** Chairperson Frank expressed her concerns regarding the pipe replacement and maintenance of culvert at EG Farms.
   Georgie Driver explained this is a scheduled, approved maintenance that was approved by Wetlands Commission in 2010 and has been managed and maintained annually. The commission cannot set time limits on maintenance.
   Lisa Griffin requested a vote for the DPW to use best practices going forward; in favor: Ken Fersch, John Erbland & Paula Saaf; Chairperson Frank opposed. (4-1) Vote passed.

7. **ADJOURNMENT ~** 9:01 pm ~ Lisa Griffin made a motion to adjourn; Paula Saaf seconded the motion. Votes in favor were unanimous, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted on this 11th day of May 2026,
Michele Leadbeater
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