

Zoning Change Application Public Hearing

There has been a significant development in what the Silverman Group is proposing for the 130-acre parcel in East Granby's Commerce Park Transitional Zone off of Route 20, across from East Street and extending to behind the Middle and High Schools. The developer has filed an application to change the zoning regulations to allow a building that could be up to 800,000 square feet—double the size that is currently permitted for the zone. The East Granby Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

When the developer purchased the site, the maximum building size was 300,000 square feet. In April, the PZC approved an increase to 400,000 square feet. The Commerce Park Transitional Zone is defined as: "A mixed-use zone that provides for a variety of uses that promote an ideal transition between the Commerce Park areas and the residential zones and Village Center. Uses should be less intensive in nature and scale to better protect the quality of life and character of the surrounding residential zones and Village Center." The site in question borders the Middle and High schools as well as a number of housing communities. The Economic Development Committee, upon learning of and evaluating the proposed zoning regulation changes, advised Planning & Zoning not to approve the Commerce Park Transitional Zone changes. To read the EDC's August 22nd minutes, go to <https://eastgranbyct.org/economic-development/> and click on "2022 Minutes."

A zoning change of this significance has an impact throughout the town, and on the traffic through East Granby. Please come to the September 22nd Public Hearing to learn more and make your opinion known.

East Granby Historical Society

Kids' Scavenger Hunt

A scavenger hunt for kids is now at the Historical Society Barn! Find the items in the barn and receive a prize! Open hours are the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM through October, or by appointment. Contact moodycncancy@gmail.com.

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

A historic marker is now in place near Granbrook Park. Take a brief stroll along the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail to see this marker which indicates a canal crossing point. Park in the Hartford



Avenue lot next to the trail, cross the road and the Granbrook bridge; shortly after is the spot. This marker was a free gift through a partnership between Robert Madison's book royalties (*New Haven*

& *Northampton Canal Greenway*) and the Southwick Historical Society, for which we are very grateful. Thanks also to the joint efforts of the East Granby Parks & Recreation Department and East Granby DPW for getting it erected.

East Granby Land Trust

East Granby Land Trust often focuses on all the great things our green spaces in town have to offer. However, it is also important to think about how we can all do our part to keep our ecosystems healthy long term so we would like to address this question: Is it safe to spray your yard for mosquitos?



Since 1946 we have been spraying various chemicals in our yards to be rid of insects. We may not be spraying DEET anymore, but do we know what these sprays are doing to our yards and the adults, children, and pets who inhale the sprays? Spraying for mosquitos on lawns has become commonplace, but the sprays tend to be ineffective. The problem is that when we spray our yards, everything, including pollinators, insects, plants, waterways, and the air that we breathe all gets sprayed, too. We are also putting pesticide on insects that birds eat or bring home to their young. Another issue with spraying yards is that mosquitos are out mostly at dawn and dusk, so when a company comes to spray during the day, unfortunately, it is the pollinators that get the majority of the spray.

There are some simple solutions that are more effective at reducing mosquitos while still maintaining a healthy ecosystem in your yard, and they save everyone money, too. Experts agree that mosquito dunks are inexpensive and a more effective way to reduce mosquitos in your yard. You place dunks in a bucket with standing water and a little straw; the female mosquitos will be attracted to the scent of the dunk and lay their eggs in it. As the dunk slowly dissolves, it releases a bacterium which is toxic to all species of mosquito larvae. Some other things you can do to prevent mosquitos is to remove standing water around your house. Do not let water stand in your flowerpots or inside plastic containers and clean your gutters in the spring. Using these simple tips and dunks to kill mosquito larvae will help reduce the whole neighborhood mosquito population while keeping pesticides out of our ecosystem.

East Granby Public Library Historical Room



The historical room needs your help. We are digitizing all the East Granby High School yearbooks and we are missing six books. If you have and are willing to lend any of the following yearbooks or know someone who would lend their yearbook please e-mail the historical room at history@egpl.org or drop it off at the front desk with your name and contact information. We will scan the book and have it back to you as quickly as possible. We need the following years: 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 2017, and 2022.