

**TOWN OF GRANBY**  
**TOWN-OWNED LAND STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 20, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Mark Higby, Chairman; Terri-Ann Hahn, Kathryn Miller, Richard McDermott, and Margaret Lareau, John Adams (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), MaryJo Toczydlowski (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Neumann, BOS Liaison

Chairman Mark Higby called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Review Agenda:** No new items were added.

**Minutes**

The minutes from August 6, 2015 were reviewed by the Committee. On the List of Ideas for Recommendation, in three places farm shed, should read farm stand.

On a MOTION by K. Miller, seconded by R. McDermott, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the Minutes of August 6, 2015 with the noted corrections.

**Unfinished or Tabled Business**

a.) Continue discussion on recommendations

The discussion started by adding additional items to the recommendation list. These items included:

- 13 Pratt Farm Lane – Transfer to GLT subject to allowing public access
- 63 Cider Mill Lane – sell with proceeds to open space or swap parcel for other property
- Retain 129 Barndoor Hills Road (future discussion)
- Agricultural Parcels as noted in use inventory to remain in agriculture and retained by town
- Town to retain parcels noted in use inventory as Environmental Constraints
- Retain in Agriculture use parcels listed in Active Agriculture. Retain/conserves other parcels in category of Environmental Constraints.
- Heather Lane and Winter Village – clear an entrance to these parcels

The List of Ideas for Recommendation was reviewed line by line. Some wording changes were made.

- 1) Evaluate future additional access points to 107 East Street should intensity of use increase or property become available.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 2) 150 Hartland Road to become a picnic area.  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 3) 18 & 15R Heather Lane could make good horse trails.  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 4) Evaluate 183 Loomis Street to become protected as part of the Dismal Brook watershed.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 5) Leave existing neighborhood parcel as is, unless otherwise noted  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.

- 6) Allow creation of neighborhood groups who will evaluate neighborhood parcels for expanded uses.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 7) Town to clear passage at street to create defined access points to all properties – Heather Lane and Winter Village.  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 8) Evaluate posting all town-owned property.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 9) Create overall agricultural master plan (farmland, farming, & support services) to enhance agricultural use and economy in town.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 10) Include recommendations of TOLSC in the Plan of Conservation and Development.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 11) Consider Plan of Conservation and Development when reviewing this report  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 12) Maintain 107 East Street property as agricultural use.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 13) Establish perimeter walking trail at 107 East Street  
#13 & 14 were addressed as one item. Modified to read: Establish perimeter trail.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 14) Establish a perimeter trail for mountain bikes at 107 East Street  
Remove this item.
- 15) Evaluate the establishment of a Farmers Market/Farm stand at 107 East Street  
#15 & 16 were addressed as one item.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 16) Establish a farm shed at 107 East Street  
Remove this item.
- 17) Have Agricultural Commission review farm shed options at 107 East Street  
Remove this item.
- 18) Use 107 East Street for community garden plots  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 19) Explore additional community gardens (but not at 107 East Street)  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 20) Plant a shade grove at the entrance of 107 East Street  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 21) Explore extending use of existing athletic fields with lights and irrigation  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 22) Parcels abutting GLT and McLeans to go to GLT/McLeans. Remove this item.  
Replaced with: Evaluate mechanisms to consolidate and protect critical environmental habitat parcels, including working with established groups to achieve preservation.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.  
(22a) including but not limited to 65R Old Beach Road, 21R Hillyer Way and 55R Canal Road.  
This portion will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 23) Evaluate opportunities to assemble Salmon Brook branch stream corridor parcels to provide a nature walk along the streams.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 24) Keep ballfields at Massaco Lane and Brook Pasture.  
#24 & 26 were addressed as one item.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.

- 25) Expand neighborhood small ballfields and parks  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 26) Eliminate ballfields at Massaco Lane and Brook Pasture.  
Remove this item.
- 27) Park and Recreation should layout trail at 107 East Street.  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 28) Create a Friends of 107 East Street as committee to locate trail.  
The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list.
- 29) Retain Old Messenger Road parcel as is  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 30) 603 Cider Mill Lane – broke into two categories: a.) sell it to neighborhood association as open space. The Committee voted NOT to include this on the recommendation list. b.) sell for development with proceeds to open space or swap for other property. The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 31) Promote Agricultural leases that support local agriculture.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 32) On occupied parcels, expand walking trails.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 33) Continue assessment of future solar options (not 107 East Street or Transfer Station).  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 34) Coordinate possible access/trails on larger Environmental Constraint parcels and connect to GLT/McLeans/Enders.  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 35) Retain 129 Barndoor Hills Road – Hold for further discussion
- 36) Agricultural Parcels as noted in use inventory to remain in agriculture and retained by town (183 Loomis Street).  
The Committee voted to put this on the recommendation list.
- 37) Town to retain parcels noted in use inventory as Environmental Constraints  
Remove this item.

No other recommendations were suggested. M. Lareau provided ah hand out of key points of a conversation she had with Fran Armentano, regarding town-owned land parcels and town plan, etc. Although this document was referred to during the meeting, it was not reviewed in its entirety. R. McDermott provided a handout of Occupied Properties showing a suggested setup for the report. T. Hahn had a handout of an example of a Summary Report. Committee members reviewed this document and volunteered to complete certain sections. Any documents for the Appendices please bring a hard copy to the next meeting and give to T. Hahn. T. Hahn asked that the information for each section be made available on a thumb drive at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

None.

**Set Agenda for August 27, 2015 special meeting**

Items to include on the Agenda are:

- Continue discussion on 129 Barndoor Hills Road
- (22a) 65R Old Beach Road, 21R Hillyer Way and 55R Canal Road
- Parcels recommended to transfer
- Compile report and address how to complete an edit

**Adjournment**

On a MOTION by M. Higby, seconded by R. McDermott, the Committee voted unanimously (7-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian  
Recording Secretary