

# TOWN OF GRANBY

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2023

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Abby Kenyon, Director of Community Development

REGARDING: **V. BUSINESS – ITEM C**

Consideration and Approval of Use Agreement Between the Town of Granby and Friends of Granby Wildflower Meadow Inc

### **Background**

On August 2, 2021 the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the use of town-owned land at 175 Salmon Brook Street for a wildflower garden. Following approval, a 501c(3) group, the Friends of Granby Wildflower Meadow Inc, was established. The Friends began work removing invasive species from the property and last year, held a planting event. During the event, volunteers assisted the group in the planting of native species to support pollinators.

At a Board of Selectmen meeting in May 2022, it was requested the Friends work with the Town Manager to discuss an agreement pertaining to the continued use of the property. Over the past few months, Town staff worked drafting an agreement, which was reviewed by both the Town Attorney and the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA). Several revisions were made and an updated draft (attached) was forwarded to the Friends for review.

A few key points to note:

- 1) The Friends will have use of the property for 5 years. After 5 years, the agreement may be renewed.
- 2) The Friends will be responsible for all aspect of managing and maintaining the property.
- 3) The Friends will not erect any non-removable improvements on the property without first receiving written approval from the town.
- 4) The Town and Friends will maintain insurance and the other party will be included as an additional insured.

If the Board is in agreement, the following motion is offered for consideration:

### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

The Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to sign the 175 Salmon Brook Street Use Agreement between the Town of Granby and Friends of Granby Wildflower Meadow Inc.