

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Granby
2026 POCD Committee
December 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brennan Sheahan, Bill Ross, Ken Kuhl, James Szipszky, Christine Chinni, Margaret Chapple, Mark Kennedy, Jean Donihee-Perron, Mark Lockwood, and Ken Rohde (*arrived at 7:26pm*)

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Abby Kenyon and Land Use Coordinator Renee Deltenre

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair M. Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Action on the minutes of November 25, 2025

ON A MOTION by K. Kuhl seconded by M. Kennedy, the Committee voted (8-0-1) to approve the November 25, 2025, minutes as presented. B. Sheahan abstained.

3. Review and Discuss Current POCD and Proposed Revisions

A. Kenyon provided the following revised sections using the worksheet provided by K. Rohde as a starting point. Each section begins with an introduction that will be combined with the fundamental values from the existing POCD from their respective section, followed by goals and policy/strategy, then concludes with action items. A. Kenyon and the Committee reviewed the sections line by line and provided comments.

a. Environment

Discussion ensued regarding the limited reference to wetlands and watercourses, pesticide use within a floodplain, forestry management, cold tar applications, animal-human interaction, sustainability efforts, and more. Changes were deliberated and some of the items discussed/proposed were reorganized to fall under Public Education or Agriculture.

b. Open Space & Recreation

The Committee discussed proposed changes, as well as additional items to consider for inclusion. Conversation ensued regarding the management of town-owned open space, auditing for PA490 compliance, the potential for a Flexible Residential Development (FRD) across all zones, additional funding sources for preservation, and the relationship between open space landowners; i.e., Town, Land Trust, McLean Game Refuge, State, etc.

c. Agriculture

Due to time constraints, the Committee was able to review the Introduction and Goals 3.1 and 3.2. Adoption of a Right-to-Farm Ordinance was removed and will be referenced as part of the fundamental values within the introduction. Discussion ensued regarding outside resources, such as UConn Extension, IPM, State Department of Agriculture, and more.

4. **Action Items for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been scheduled for January 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. In preparation for said meeting, town staff will prepare and distribute revisions for the following sections: Transportation, Commercial/Industrial, Housing, and Granby Center. The Committee also deliberated on hosting a second public workshop, which will likely be held in March, and the online survey ends on December 31st.

5. **Adjourn**

ON A MOTION by M. Chapple, seconded by J. Donihee-Perron, the Committee voted (10-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Deltenre