

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING
Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

Members Present: Anthony McGovern, Greg Dion, Jared Barry, and Fran Armentano, Valerie Eastwood

Staff Present: Sandy Yost, Terri Ziemnicki

Absent: Sheri Litchfield

Public: None

Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by G. Dion, seconded by A. McGovern, the Board approved – with one abstention (V. Eastwood) the November 7, 2025 meeting minutes as written. 3-0-1

PUBLIC SESSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Parks Master Plan – inform on recent update to CPPAC
Chairman McGovern and S. Yost presented an update to the BOS on 11/24/25.
- b. Fee/Use/Pricing Policy Draft – review and next steps
G. Dion had emailed the updated document to the Board members for review.
Chairman McGovern tabled this until February's meeting and asked the Board members to review and email any changes/updates to G. Dion.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Walking Path Extension Status (Staff)
Revised proposal of the STEAP grant funding has been submitted to the State.
Revisions include an alternate design for the section of path connecting the Rt. 20 to the soccer fields.
- b. Park Rules/Parks "Quality of Life"
Chairman McGovern started a conversation regarding the park and some of the challenges that occur – off-leash dogs is a very big concern as well as dog waste that isn't disposed of properly. A lengthy conversation was had regarding ways to help remedy those issues. It was suggested that having a Park Ranger or Student Ambassadors to help enforce/remind folks of the park rules.

Chairman McGovern thinks that a Community Outreach approach may help. He asked the Board Members to reflect on this for next meeting.

c. Staff Updates

S. Yost gave an update regarding the Capital Projects and a recap of fall/early winter programming:

- Pond Dredging – just wrapped up today – they will be back in the spring to finish
- Generator for Park House – waiting for contractors to call back
- Electrical requirements to be installed at Holcomb Farm so that in the event of a power outage, a generator can be used so events aren't disrupted
- Storage unit at Holcomb Farm has been ordered
- Directional signs at the parks
- 53 letters to Santa were received and responded to
- Holiday Marketplace was very successful – it was held for 2 days. This year 3 spaces were utilized for vendors. Boys Scouts and The Leo Club were also in attendance
- Breakfast with Santa was a great event – S. Yost thanked the Board members that helped at this very popular event
- Introduced 6 new after school programs
- Fall Soccer was successful
- T. Ziemnicki passed the CPRP (Certified Parks and Recreation Professional) exam

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by G. Dion, seconded by F. Armentano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Daphne Shinder
Recording Secretary