# TOWN OF GRANBY GRANBY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

**PRESENT:** Mark Fiorentino, Meg Jabaily, Abby Kenyon, Eric Myers, John Oates, Martin Schwager

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Fiorentino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2025

On a Motion by M. Schwager, seconded by E. Myers, the minutes of August 20, 2025 were approved unanimously.

## 3. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS/IMPLEMENTATION AND PRIORITIES

M. Fiorentino noted there are three more items left for the committee to complete: 1) Get the BFJ report to its final status; 2) Finalize the committee's recommendation for the report regarding boundary and 3) create the official recommendations to be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen.

With no disagreement from the committee, M. Fiorentino re-ordered the agenda, starting with item 5 and moving backwards.

#### 4. DISCUSS PLAN FINALIZATION AND FUTURE STEPS

- M. Fiorentino asked the committee to review the final draft and get the redlines to A.
  Kenyon before the next meeting. He asked the committee members to also consider the
  memo received from Terri Hahn but noted that some of her comments may be addressed
  in the final draft.
- A. Kenyon stated the meeting dates may shift. She would like to discuss the schedule to notify BFJ regarding the date of their presentation since she originally had them hold October 29<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet October 29th to review the red-line version before forwarding it to BFJ.
- A. Kenyon will send the word document to the committee members for their edits and asked they return it to her by October 21<sup>st</sup> at the latest.
- M. Fiorentino would like the presentation broken down into three sections: 1) Point out the recommended changes in Chapter 4; 2) present proposed changes regarding landuse zoning regulations, and 3) tie it back to input from residents and their priorities.
- M. Schwager agreed with Mark's suggestion.
- M. Jabaily feels it is important to demonstrate the public was heard, particularly regarding walkability, and presentation boards would be helpful to demonstrate it.
- J. Oates noted visual representation is important particularly to the public.
- E. Myers noted it should be emphasized the changes are not significant and point out the regulations are current and not restrictive.

The components of the presentation will include: summary of Chapter 4; comparison chart regarding proposed zoning changes; cross reference public input and highlight changes visually.

The presentation of the final plan will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> and A. Kenyon will check with BFJ's availability, .as well as the availability of the Senior Center Community Room.

#### 5. DISCUSS BOUNDARY

The committee agreed that the Granby Center Zone boundary should extend north along the west side of Salmon Brook Street to the high school. It will then cross Salmon Brook Street to pull in the current Center Common zoned portions of 280 Salmon Brook Street and 10 Hungary Road.

#### 6. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

• Committee member's proposed edits are due to A. Kenyon by October 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee will review the redlines at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and forward the final edits to BFJ.

### 7. PUBLIC SESSIONS

Ellen Thompson was on Zoom and noted it would be easier if the maps and documents could be seen. A. Kenyon noted they are posted on the website. Ellen also inquired if the multifamily units in the center could be on smaller lots. M. Fiorentino stated there are some recommendations for both and the most current study is on the website.

#### **ADJOURN**

**ON A MOTION By** J. Oates, seconded by E. Myers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane Recording Secretary