

# Community Development

FY 2025-26 Budget  
Presentation





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# Our Role

- Administer the development process, starting with applications to land use boards and commissions, through certificate of occupancy.
- After occupancy:
  - Building permit review and inspections of improvements (Building Official).
  - Responsible for continued inspections of certain occupied structures (Fire Marshal).
  - Preparing for and responding to emergencies (EMD).





# A Year in Review

- Land Use Applications:
  - PZ: 27
  - IWWC: 20
  - ZBA: 4
- Building Permits Issued: 1,088
- New House Permits Issued: 19
- Value of Construction: \$49,315,070.39
- Permit Fees Collected: \$734,396.49
- Inspections Conducted: 1,108
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued:
  - Station 280 – Building 1 (18 Units)
  - Station 280 – Building 2 (42 Units)
  - Station 280 – Building 3 (18 Units)
  - Single-Family Homes – 11







# A Year in Review

- CERT Meetings: 8
- CERT Activations: Granby Road Race, Holcomb Farm Hoedown, Bradley International Airport Triennial Mass Casualty Drill, Elections
- Open Burn Permits issued: 38
- Fire Code Inspections: 130
- Fire Investigations: 8
- Community Risk Reduction –Smoke Alarm Program
  - Smoke Alarm Installations: 52
  - Smoke Alarm Inspections and Batteries: 39



**Working**  
**SMOKE ALARMS**  
**SAVE LIVES**



# Looking Ahead

## Plan of Conversation and Development Update

Initiate 2026 POCD update process with subcommittee.

## Zoning Regulations

Continue review of zoning regulations and propose updates for consideration, including the Granby Center Zones.

## Granby Center Master Plan

Oversee Granby Center Master Plan process and implementation.

## Update Resource Materials

Create new handouts for the public based on current building code requirements and zoning regulations, i.e., Finished Basement Guidelines, Woodstove, In-Ground and Above-Ground Pools, Decks, etc. Provide these updated guidelines on the Building Department webpage.



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## Guidance to Outside Resources

Update the Town Building Department webpage to provide information and resources regarding outside entities, i.e., Soil Testing Locations, Water Testing Locations, etc.

## Ongoing and Future Developments

Monitor and provide plan review and input on anticipated projects, including the Kearns School housing development and Broadleaf Solar project.

## Emergency Communications

Assess Emergency Operations Center to determine possible upgrades and initiate training for mass notification system.

## CERT

Oversee CERT training and increase outreach and recruitment efforts.

Questions?