



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Plan of Conservation and Development Workshop

Regular Meeting

6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** 6:09pm ~ Chairman Tom Derlinga called the meeting to order, those in attendance: Todd Zessin, Jay Tran, John Welsh & David Brassard (arrived at 6:17pm), Brian O'Connor, alternate Austin Gelinas, Town Planner Robin Newton & Johnneil Clarke from Tyche on ZOOM; Absent: alternates Brian Kleinman & Ryan Rea & Jeremy DeCarli from Tyche.
2. **Minutes:** John Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2025, Chairman Derlinga seconded it, votes in favor were John Welsh, Chairman Derlinga, Todd Zessin & Jay Tran, Brian O'Connor abstained, motion carried.
3. **POCD:**
 - a. **Visioning Workshop:** Johnneil Clarke shared a slide show of visioning statements from other towns for reference as to what East Granby may want to include in our POCD. Vision statements are paired with broad goals a community wants to achieve.

Examples included Middletown which had their vision statement divided into 4 main threads: Thriving, Connected, Vibrant & Sustainable. Each focusing on relevant goals to that vision.

Vernon's example was more of paragraph highlighting its vibrant downtown, employment opportunities, housing and historic resources.

Andover's was delineated by sentences beginning with "We envision...." Housing, quality of life, safeguards the integrity of natural, agricultural & historic resources, etc.

Robin Newton asked commission members for their input on ideas for East Granby's vision statement. What key features would they like to see in our town's POCD?

Austin Gelinas liked the format of Middletown's four statements and Andover's challenges. Chairman Derlinga thought Vernon's was very concise and Middletown & Andover were more broken up.

Some thoughts discussed were: open space, trail systems, Village Center concept along Route 20, new roads, retail and apartments. Promoting natural resources, the river, Newgate Prison & Viets Tavern, the Ridgeline.

John Welsh shared that 15 years ago the buildout was 8500 population. We continue moving from rural to potentially suburban? Our population has not changed since 2020, currently 5208.



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- b. **Monday, July 7, 2025:-** 6:00 pm Community Outreach Workshop at the Community Center: we will ask public for their ideas. Create charette to interact with the public. Will come back in August with a draft of ideas.
 - c. **Link for the Website:** [EG POCD | Tyche Planning Social Pinpoint](https://tyche.mysocialpinpoint.com/eg-pocd)
tyche.mysocialpinpoint.com/eg-pocd
Will keep the website updated with notes.
4. **Adjournment:** 6:47 pm Chairman Derlinga adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted this 11th day of June 2025,

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