



Incorporated: 1768

Hampshire County

The Town of Granby is a rural suburban town on the outskirts of the Holyoke metropolitan area. Settled around 1727, the town is dominated in the north by the Holyoke range of hills and has a rugged terrain which hampered agricultural development as the limited water resources hampered industrial development. However, despite these obstacles, settlers developed farms and some limited industries which made up the town's economic foundation. They grew grains, turnips, pumpkins and hops, and small distilleries were open by 1812 using the surplus grain produced. Dairy farming, making buttons and palm leaf hats followed these in economic importance in the 19th century. However, by 1875, local industry was gone and agriculture, primarily dairy farming, was the staple in Granby. The town still retains the huge, well-known milk bottle which houses a dairy bar. Granby retains its original meeting house green and the period character that this section of town gives it as well as a fine neoclassical library and a good stock of Greek revival houses.

(Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)

Population: 6,132 (2000 census)

Total Area: 28.09 square miles +/-

Government: Town Meeting; Board of Selectmen

Tax Rate: \$12.57 (2008)

School Superintendent: 467-7177

Colleges and Universities: none

Public Schools: West Street Elementary; East Meadow Middle School; Granby Jr.-Sr. High School; Pathfinder Vocational Tech School

Private Schools: none

Shopping: local convenience store; larger mall shopping within a 15-30 minute drive

Libraries: Granby Public Library 467-3320

Recreational Facilities: Nash Dinosaur Museum; Skinner State Park; Holyoke Range; Granby Horse Council; Dufresne Park & Recreation Area; Granby Bow & Gun Club; Chicopee Sportsmen's Club

Utilities:

Electric: Massachusetts Electric
1-888-211-1111

Cable: AT&T Broadband 1-888-633-4266

Telephone: Granby Telephone 467-9911

Child Care Providers: 413-582-4218

Child Care Focus

56 Vernon Street

Northampton, MA 01060

--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

For More Information:

Town hall: 467-7177

www.magnet.state.ma.us

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