

Waterville Valley Planning Board
Summary of the Minutes for the
Planning Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, December 14th, 2023, at 8:00 am

MINUTES

Video recording of the meeting is available on the Town website.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Chair John Recine at 8:00 am.
ALL VOTES WERE TAKEN BY ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL for Board Members and Seating of Alternates

1. **Full Members in Attendance:**
Chair John Recine, Vice-Chair Nancy Knight, Rich Rita, Mike Koppel, Bill Spence, Morgan Diehm, Katherine Brennan
2. **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Alan Berko, Margaret Turner, Rob Wilson (exited the meeting at 8:45 am), Rick Smith
3. **Members Absent: 0**
4. **Alternate Members Absent: 0**
5. **Public in Attendance:**
Mark Decoteau, Steve Royer, Sharon Charron, Tara Bamford (via Zoom), Jennie Lucas (via Zoom)
Unidentified Zoom Attendees: 0

REVIEW and ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 8th, 2023, Planning Board Meeting

MOTION: "To accept the minutes as amended."

Motion: B. Spence

Second: M. Koppel

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

Minutes of the November 9th, 2023, Planning Board Meeting

MOTION: "The approval of the minutes of the November 9th meeting be deferred until they have been amended and re-presented to the board at the next meeting."

Motion: B. Spence

Second: M. Diehm

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

Minutes of the November 17th, 2023, Planning Board Meeting

MOTION: "To accept the minutes as amended."

Motion: B. Spence

Second: M. Koppel

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

Discussion on Proposed Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board discussed the outcome of the public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments, which were intended to address housing availability in Waterville Valley. Most of the discussion focused on Amendment 6, with concerns from the public over the amendment's potential impact on housing and property values and its reception by the community.

MOTION: "To table item #6 for future consideration so we have more information to present it properly at the town meeting in 2025."

Motion: M. Koppel

There was no second to the motion.

MOTION: "Amendments #7 through #10 be approved by the Planning Board and moved forward to warrants for the 2024 town meeting."

Motion: B. Spence

Second: M. Diehm

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No

MOTION: "The Planning Board re-examine amendment # 6 for the purpose of improving its presentation to the electorate."

Motion: B. Spence

After discussion, Bill Spence withdrew the motion. The Board decided to continue discussing Amendment 6 at the January Planning Board meeting. The Board also discussed strategies for better communicating to the public. Suggestions included writing articles for the WigWag and holding informational meetings. It was decided that Morgan Diehm and Bill Spence would write an article for the WigWag about the purpose and need for the zoning amendments for the January publication.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Town Core Group: Nancy Knight reported that the bucket of snowmelt had been secured to the railing on the path from the Golden Eagle Lodge to the town square. She also discussed the status of the \$800,000 Tap Grant.

Conservation Commission: John Recine reported that Rick Van de Poll has a meeting scheduled with the Forest Service regarding the pond mitigation.

Correspondence: John Recine reported that there is a meeting scheduled with town staff and Tara Bamford to review her contract. After the meeting, her contract will be discussed at the January Planning Board meeting.

CALENDAR REVIEW:

Regular Meeting of the Planning Board: January 11, 2024, at 8 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: "To adjourn meeting"

Motion: M. Diehm

Second: B. Spence

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0- No

Respectfully submitted,
Alisha Harrington