

Waterville Valley Planning Board
Summary of the Minutes for the
Planning Board Public Hearing
Held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Wendi Rathgeber at 6:00 pm
ALL VOTES WERE TAKEN BY ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL for Board Members and Seating of Alternates

1. **Full Members in Attendance:**
 2. Chair Wendi Rathgeber, Vice Chair Nancy Knight (via Zoom), Rich Rita, John Recine, Bill Spence
 3. **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Morgan Diehm (seated)
 4. **Members Absent:** Rob Wilson, Mike Koppel
 5. **Alternate Members Absent:** Alan Berko
 6. **Public in Attendance:**
Mark Decoteau, Alisha Harrington, Steve Royer, Alan Zelbow
- Unidentified Zoom Attendees: 0**

Public Hearing:

Wendi Rathgeber opened the Public Hearing for three proposed Zoning Amendments at 6:02 pm.
Amendment No. 1)

In order to comply with the new state law (RSA 674:75) that prohibits restricting the use of land or structures for primarily religious purposes, in Article III. C) Definitions, the definition now assigned to “Church” would be assigned to the new term “Place of Worship.” and the list would be renumbered accordingly.

Amendment No. 1 would also amend Article IV. J) Uses by changing the term “churches” to “places of worship” and permitting “places of worship” by right in all zoning districts.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: “to forward Amendment No. 1 to town meeting as a warrant article”

Motion: R. Rita

Second: M. Diehm

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No

Amendment No. 2)

Would exempt political advertising from the sign regulations contained in the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance by adding the following new item to Article V. K) Sign Code and Regulations Section 4b), which is the list of sign types exempt from the scope of the regulations:

v) Political advertising, as defined in RSA 664:2, as amended. The Town of Waterville Valley shall follow the provisions of RSA 664:17, as amended, with regard to the placement of political advertising on private and Town-owned (public) property.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: “Amendment No. 2 be accepted as written”

Motion: B. Spence

Second: J. Recine

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No

Amendment No. 3)

Would add the term “Concert” to Article III. C) Definitions to read “A music performance with controlled admission in front of a live audience, advertised in advance” and renumber remainder of list accordingly.

The Planning Board and members of the public discussed the proposed definition of a “concert,” with questions being raised about ticket sales, advertising in advance, and whether an event must meet all criteria of the proposed definition to be considered a concert. The Board decided to table the discussion on Amendment No. 3 until the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board on January 12, 2023, at 8 am.

Calendar Review

Regular Meeting of the Planning Board: January 12, 2023, at 8 am.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: “to adjourn meeting.”

Motion: B. Spence

Second: M. Diehm

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0- No

Respectfully submitted,
Alisha Harrington