

Waterville Valley Planning Board  
Summary of the Minutes for the  
**Planning Board Public Hearing**  
**Held on Thursday, January 26, 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, Rich Rita, Mike Koppel, John Recine, Bill Spence, Rob Wilson (via Zoom)
  3. **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Morgan Diehm
  4. **Members Absent:** 0
  5. **Alternate Members Absent:** Alan Berko
  6. **Public in Attendance:**  
Mark Decoteau, Alisha Harrington, Tara Bamford (via Zoom), Steve Royer, Tom Gross
- Unidentified Zoom Attendees: 0**

**Public Hearing:**

Wendi Rathgeber opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 pm and briefly reviewed Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, which had been voted on and moved to the town meeting at the January 11, 2023, Public Hearing. Amendment No. 3 would add the term “Concert” to Article III. C) Definitions to read “A music performance in front of a live audience, advertised in advance” and would renumber remainder of list accordingly. Wendi Rathgeber then read an email comment from Craig Larson.

“I believe the proposed language is too vague and doesn’t resemble the common interpretation of the word “Concerts” I believe this vague language is unenforceable and open to anyone making complaints that could be against normal business especially in a summer time resort, any Saturday in July or August there could be three business holdings outdoor entertainment with numbers of 100 to 250 guests present. How would we treat these three venues are they the same or different and are they called concerts by definition? I believe the intent of the present zoning bylaws allow concerts by special exceptions and then goes on to allowing overnight camping, this I would say goes to something like the Blues Festival, not a normal business that has entertainment on Saturdays for there (their) guests. I do believe there should be a clarification but within the common thinking of a concert, maybe definition we could say any event with 250 or more guests.”

Wendi commented that including the number of guests needed in the definition was discussed previously. However, the Board felt that assigning a number in the definition would restrict businesses as not meeting the definition of a concert. Next, the Planning Board continued to discuss the proposed definition and answered questions and concerns from members of the public.

**MOTION: “to move forward with Amendment No. 3 as presented”**

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: N. Knight

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No

Rich Rita stated for the record that the Select Board would consider, from an enforcement standpoint, a small number of people entertaining diners would not require a special exception from the ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) as it will be considered an accessory use.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:24 pm.

**Calendar Review**

Regular Meeting of the Planning Board: February 9, 2023, at 8 am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: “to adjourn meeting.”**

Motion: B. Spence

Second: J. Recine

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0- No

Respectfully submitted,  
Alisha Harrington