

Waterville Valley Planning Board
Summary of the Minutes for the
Planning Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 8:00 am

MINUTES

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Wendi Rathgeber 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:**
2. Chair Wendi Rathgeber, Vice-Chair Nancy Knight (entered the meeting at 8:04 am), John Recine, Rich Rita, Mike Koppel, Bill Spence, Rob Wilson
3. **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Alan Berko (seated at 8:02 am, unseated at 8:04 am) Bill Larsen (via Zoom, entered the meeting at 8:24 am), Morgan Diehm
4. **Members Absent: 0**
5. **Alternate Members Absent: 0**
6. **Public in Attendance:**
Mark Decoteau, Alisha Harrington, Reggie Breeckner, Randy Breeckner, Irit Levy, Charles Hastings, Jennie Lucas, Kim Rawson, Tara Bamford (via Zoom), Cindy Piekos (via Zoom, Fawn Gaudet (via Zoom), Denise Pouliot (via Zoom), Paul Pouliot (via Zoom), Claire Helfman (via Zoom)
7. **Unidentified Zoom Attendees: 0**

REVIEW and ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 12, 2022, Planning Board Meeting

MOTION: “To accept the minutes as amended.”

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: B. Spence

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

Minutes of the May 26, 2022, Planning Board Meeting

MOTION: “To accept the minutes as drafted.”

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: J. Recine

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

Land Acknowledgement Statement Discussion

Irit Levy, Chair of the Conservation Commission, spoke about the Land Acknowledgement Statement that the Conservation Commission requested be put into the beginning of the Master Plan. She also read statements of support from Fawn Gaudet and Kathleen Blake and a comment from the Castle in the Clouds historians. Public members spoke and gave their thoughts and opinions in favor of and against including the Land Acknowledgement Statement in the Master Plan. After discussion, considering statements, feedback from the public, and the thoughts of the

Planning Board, it was decided that the Land Acknowledgement Statement should be presented as a warrant article. Rich Rita offered for the Select Board to work with the Conservation Commission to bring the request to the Town Meeting. In the meantime, he offered a compromise path to elaborate more on the indigenous history of Waterville Valley in lieu of inserting a Land Acknowledgement Statement in the Master Plan. Rich offered to convene a Planning Board ad-hoc committee before the next Planning Board to fashion language to insert in the Historical Resources Section of the Master Plan (5.5). After Board discussion, the Chair approved the formation of this committee, appointed Rich and Morgan Diehm to it, and asked them to meet with other interested parties and, by the next Planning Board meeting, provide compromise language for the Planning Board to consider including in Chapter 5.5 at the next Planning Board meeting.

Ongoing and Upcoming Projects

The Planning Board discussed what items to address this year, deciding to review the Rules of Procedure and discuss housing in C1 (Commercial 1). T. Bamford recommended waiting to implement zoning changes until next year.

Master Plan Revision

The Planning Board reviewed and made edits to the completed draft of the master plan. In addition, the Board scheduled a Master Plan Workshop on July 28, 2022, at 8 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Core Group

The Town Core Group continues to work on a signage system to help direct bikers from the bike shop over to the north end of town. The signs have been delivered and will be installed soon.

Conservation Commission

There was nothing new to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Calendar Review

Regular Meeting of the Planning Board: August 11, 2022, at 8 am.

Master Plan Workshop: July 28, 2022, at 8 am.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: “to adjourn meeting.”

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: B. Spence

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0- No

Respectfully submitted,
Alisha Harrington

