

Waterville Valley Planning Board
Summary of the Minutes for the
Planning Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, September 8, 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, Rich Rita, Mike Koppel, Bill Spence, John Recine
 3. **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Alan Berko (seated), Morgan Diehm (seated, via Zoom)
 4. **Members Absent:** Rob Wilson, Nancy Knight
 5. **Alternate Members Absent: 0**
 6. **Public in Attendance:**
Mark Decoteau, Alisha Harrington, Tara Bamford (via Zoom), Steve Royer
- Unidentified Zoom Attendees: 0**

REVIEW and ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 11, 2022, Planning Board Meeting

MOTION: “To accept the minutes as amended.”

Motion: M. Koppel

Second: R. Rita

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No

Old Business:

HOP Grant Pre-application

The pre-application for the Housing Opportunity Planning Grant has been submitted. The next step in the grant process is to schedule a meeting with Wendi Rathgeber, town staff, and members of the North Country Council.

Planning Board Rules of Procedure

The Planning Board set up a working group to review the policy-related suggestions for the Rules of Procedure. The group will be Wendi Rathgeber, Mike Koppel, and Mark Decoteau. The town staff will continue to make editorial changes.

New Business:

Revise Site Plan Regulations-Storm Water

The Planning Board discussed the need to update the current Site Plan regulations to include stormwater management. After discussion, it was decided that town staff would make the changes using language from Tara Bamford and the current subdivision regulations.

Sign Ordinance

Rich Rita spoke to the Planning Board about an issue the Select Board and the Code Enforcement Officer have been deliberating. Currently, political signs are treated as temporary signs in the zoning ordinance, which means that political signs are treated differently depending on the zone where the signs are situated. The Planning Board discussed different options for revising the sign ordinance to find a solution. The Board asked town staff to look at the language from other towns' sign ordinances and submit options before the next meeting.

Snow's Mountain Special Zoning Area

The Planning Board discussed how best to accurately define the Snow's Mountain Special Zone. Town staff will develop a measuring process and take some measurements of the area.

Master Plan

The Public Hearing for the Master Plan is scheduled on September 20, 2022, at 6 pm in the Town Square Meeting Room.

Correspondence

Rich Rita reviewed an article on upcoming zoning law changes. After discussing what changes need to be made to comply with the new laws, The Planning Board decided to 1) Amend the uses table, removing the word "churches" from 3b. 2) Add a new line in the uses table that states: land or structures primarily used for religious purposes. And 3) Delete definition 13 in the definitions table.

MOTION: "To proceed with modifying 3b of the uses table with regards to language about churches and changing the language to make it compliant with the new law and remove the definition of a church."

Motion: R. Rita

Second: B. Spence

Vote 6 – Yes, 1 - No

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Core Group

The Town Core Group reported that some of the signs installed to help direct bikers need to be fixed, as they are pointing in the wrong direction. Also, regarding the upcoming road project, the discussion has continued about how best to delineate the multiuse pathway from vehicular traffic.

Conservation Commission

John Recine reported that the Conservation Commission had prepared a letter to send to the state legislative delegation asking for support for a veto pertaining to an override of Bill HB1454.

Calendar Review

Regular Meeting of the Planning Board: October 13, 2022, at 8 am.

Master Plan Public Hearing: September 20, 2022, at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: “to adjourn meeting.”

Motion: B. Spence

Second: R. Rita

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0- No

Respectfully submitted,
Alisha Harrington