

Waterville Valley Planning Board
Summary of the Minutes for the
Planning Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, March 14th, 2024, at 8:00 am

MINUTES

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Chair John Recine at 8:00 a.m.
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 (exited the meeting at 9:10 am), Bill Spence, Morgan Diehm, Katherine Brennan

2. Alternate Members in Attendance: Alan Berko (seated), Margaret Turner (entered the meeting at 8:35 am and was seated for Rich Rita at 9:10 am), Rick Smith, Rob Wilson (via Zoom)

3. Members Absent: Mike Koppel

4. Alternate Members Absent: 0

5. Public in Attendance:

Mark Decoteau, Tara Bamford, Contract Town Planner (via Zoom), Craig Larson, James Sununu (via Zoom), Jennie Lucas

Unidentified Zoom Attendees: 0

REVIEW and ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 8th, 2024, Planning Board Meeting were tabled until the April Planning Board Meeting.

Election of Officers • 00:12:42

- The Board voted on officers for the next term, including the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

MOTION: “To reappoint John Recine as Chair of the Planning Board.”

Motion: R. Rita

Second: B. Spence

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

MOTION: “To reappoint Nancy Knight as Vice-Chair of the Planning Board.”

Motion: B. Spence

Second: M. Diehm

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

MOTION: “To reappoint Bill Spence as Secretary of the Planning Board”

Motion: M. Diehm

Second: K. Brennan

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No

Site Plan Application – Waterville Valley Golf Course – Continued from 2/8/2024 • 00:30:55

- Mr. Larson withdrew his Site Plan Application for a deck remodel.
- Mr. Larson made the following statements:
 - He withdrew the application after discussion with an abutter.
 - He intends to return to the Planning Board with a different project in the future.

Planning Board Procedures • 00:36:31

- Chair John Recine discussed email communication protocols and the need to follow proper procedures.
- He emphasized that all communication should go through the Chair and advised board members not to discuss voting intentions or to discuss Planning Board business via email.
- Clarification was provided on the process for sending correspondence to the Planning Board.

Zoning Discussion C1/VC • 00:42:06

- Alan Berko proposed reviewing the zoning to see what the Planning Board could do to try and maximize tax revenue for further development. His research findings indicated a significant contribution to tax revenue came from residential properties compared to commercial properties.
- The Board decided to review the research and continue discussion of it at future Planning Board meetings.

Correspondence – Boulder Path Road Design • 01:07:31

- The Board discussed correspondence from Jennie Lucas that expressed her concern for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles sharing the same surface on Boulder Path Road once it is changed to a multi-use walkway.
- The Board suggested forwarding the concerns to the Town Core Working Group for further discussion and action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: • 01:32:33

Town Core Working Group

- Katherine Brennan reported that the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant was discussed at the last meeting. The Select Board decided not to pursue the grant further because the strict TAP grant specifications would require re-engineering the design of the new town roadways.
- Future road construction projects were also discussed.

Conservation Commission Meeting

- John Recine reported that progress on mitigation for the pond was discussed at the last Conservation Commission meeting. There are plans to flag out work areas for mitigation in the spring.
- Strategies to reduce road salt use were also discussed.

New Business – VC (Village Commercial) • 01:59:18

- The Board discussed proactively reviewing future development in the VC area before any new plans are proposed.
- The Board agreed to review the zoning ordinance and map, focusing on the VC area, at the April meeting.

CALENDAR REVIEW:

The next Regular Meeting of the Planning Board: April 11, 2024, at 8 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: “To adjourn meeting”

Motion: B. Spence

Second: A. Berko

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0- No

Respectfully submitted,
Alisha Harrington