



Town of Whitingham Planning Commission

MEETING WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2026, Whitingham Municipal Center, Jacksonville, VT

These Minutes will be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Planning Commission.

Attending:

Planning Commission	Zoning Administrator	Windham Regional Commission
Brad Lackey, Chair	Gig Zboray	Margo Ghia, Natural Resources Planner
Peter Barus, Clerk		
Keith Thompson		

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Additions or Changes to Agenda

(none)

Hearing of Visitors (for concerns on on the Agenda)

(none)

Town Plan Updates

With Margo Ghia, the Commission discussed and updated:

Community Facilities

Labeled landmarks for review (no. 4, "Reed's Store", no. 17, "Point Pleasant Village"); Sewer service connections to all addresses in each Village;

Transportation

Ms. Ghia will request a WRC review of the map; Ms. Zboray will consult Mr. Janovsky; Discussion: map formats for printing;

Existing Transportation System

Typos corrected; **Roads**-changes made

removed sentence "Specific information about..."

Discussed mileage accuracy

"27 miles are paved" updated to 37 miles; 21 gravel and dirt; adjustments made to the table;

Bridges

No. of culverts verified;

Discussion:

FHWA funding questionable in current political climate;

Moover stop locations;

Parking: "better parking access at Harriman Reservoir" (survey question?);

Access Management (access to roadways)

Removed: "Public transportation will continue to be provided to and from Whitingham along VT 100"

Change to "road shoulders were expanded": adding "by the state"; VTRANS issue, not Town purview;

Discussion:

Recommendation 1.5 "Continue to coordinate with the Vermont Agency of Transportation..."

Recommendation 1.6 "Develop access management standards..." assign to Planning Commission;

Recommendation 4.1 language; should be more specific than the policy heading;

Recommendation 5.1 assign to Economic Development Group (welcoming two new members, James Weber and Sarah Martin)

Economic Development

Discussion:

Remote workers (para 2);

Remove "major" (is the commercial center)

General store, pub, and bakery

Removed: "Whitingham has been working with neighboring communities to attract visitors to the region." Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley "Chamber of Commerce"

"in Jacksonville and through the town and region."

Employment

Typos (Missing open parens)

Existing Business

discussion: pie chart improvements;

Potential additions to the Economic Development Chapter (policies/sections); Agriculture and Forestry

typos

Economic Development Strategies

Recommendation 1.1: cellular networks... high speed internet available; "continue to improve cell service" and "continue to improve high speed internet"

Formatting;

recommendation 4.2 be reassigned to Economic Development Group;

Discussion: "better parking for access to Harriman Reservoir"

Other Business, scheduling future meetings

Review Natural Resources chapter (Ms. Ghian will provide) and Flood Resiliency final comments on the two maps after review;

Review and accept the minutes of 11.19.25

Mr. Barus moved to approve the Minutes, Second by Mr. Thompson. All in favor.

Adjourn

Mr. Thompson moved to Adjourn at 7:10pm.

Second by Mr. Lackey. All in favor

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Clerk