



**Town of Whitingham**  
**WHITINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Attending** Brad Lackey, Chair,; Keith Thompson; Joe Saladino; and Gig Zboray, ZA

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Hearing of visitors (for concerns not on the agenda)** None

**Discuss Community Survey results including short term rentals**

The survey results indicate that 52 of 115 respondents think the town should regulate short-term rentals and 40 don't. Yet only 4 said they had a problem with a short-term rental while 111 said they had not. The Planning Commission does not believe regulating short-term rentals is necessary right now.

44.35% of respondents would like to see hiking trails developed or improved, that was by far the highest rated response for question 39, what kinds of recreation should the town improve or develop over the next five years.

Municipal Planning Grant award decisions will be made April 30, 2025. We will skip the May meeting and plan that WRC can start attending to help us with the plan update starting in June.

**Continue to discuss changes/updates needed to the Town Plan**

There was some discussion that fire brakes should be included in the plan.

The goal for this update is to create a plan with achievable goals, a plan that will be looked at regularly and not put on a shelf for 8-years.

**Continue discussing changes/updated needed to Town Plan**

Commissioners to read and be prepared to have a hardy discussion at next meeting.

**Review and accept the Minutes of March 11, 2025**

A motion was made by Keith Thompson to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2025, seconded by Brad Lackey, all in favor.

**Other Business**

Don't forget to join the ZBA hearing on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for site plan review.

Gig mentioned the meeting that she and Peter Barus attended with Windham Regional Commission and representatives from UMass. She told the Selectboard that she is interested in pursuing the free program they are offering.

**Adjourn:**

**A motion was made by Keith Thompson to adjourn at 7:33pm, all in favor.**

*Respectfully submitted, Gig Zboray*