

Town of Whitingham WHITINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 6:30 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; Peter Barus; Gig Zboray, ZA; Margo Ghia, WRC

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Additions or Changes to Agenda None

Approve contract with WRC regarding Town Plan update

The Selectboard has already approved and signed this contract; the WRC wanted the Planning Commission chair's signature as well. Mr. Lackey signed the contract.

Town Plan update process with WRC representative

Introductions were made around the table; Margo Ghia of Windham Regional Commission has not worked with the Planning Commission yet. She provided a timeline of how the update shall proceed:

- Grant term ends April 30, 2027; we should be done in 2026
- Summer of 2025 information gathering
- Public workshops fall of 25
- Fall/spring really get into the document, reviewing and updating each section
- Final draft summer of 26
- The goals that were written into the grant application were discussed as well as project expectations.
- The main contact person between WRC and PC will be Gig.
- Public engagement was discussed we traditionally find it difficult to get public interest, the community survey was completed in March and had a good response rate. Other public engagement will be in the fall of 25.
- We will skip the regular August meeting but each PC member should skim through the plan and provide thoughts about what needs work. Then be prepared to go through two chapters per meeting.
- Gig will ask town departments to review sections of the plan that pertain to them and to provide feedback and will ask the Selectboard if any members are interested in participating in the process.

Review and accept the Minutes of April 8, 2025

A motion was made by Keith Thompson to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2025, seconded by Peter Barus, all in favor.

Other Business none

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th at **6:30pm**.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Keith Thompson to adjourn at 7:19pm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Gig Zboray