



**Town of Whitingham
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025, 6:30 pm, 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.

Planning Commission	Zoning Administrator	Windham Regional Commission
Brad Lackey Peter Barus Keith Thompson	Gig Zboray	Margo Gia

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Hearing of Visitors for Concerns Not On the Agenda

(None)

Changes to the Agenda

(None)

Review of Town Plan Economic Development Chapter

Discussion:

It was appreciated that Ms. Zboray had circulated the Economic Development chapter with highlighted sections and notes; that some useful information might also be found on the Town website. The Commission Discussed and made minor modifications to:

Dept of Labor Statistics

Agriculture and Forestry

Economic Development Strategy

Policies and Recommendations:

1.2 Create incentives to draw business to re-develop... (Minor changes to language; e.g., "consider action...");

1.3 Redevelop town website... (removed, done)

2 Maintain and strengthen the economic climate for agriculture and forest products industries;

2.1 farm to table (Farmer's Market inactive, Margo will research other communities re: Farm to Table);

2.2 "right to farm community" (Remove, unnecessary per Selectboard);

3 Support tourism

4 Assist local businesses

4.1 review and update zoning

4.2 Downtown, village centers (Ms. Zboray had made significant efforts, found little benefit);

5 recruitment efforts

5.1 Work with Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) associated with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation to recruit young people and businesses to our area (uncertain about specific contacts, actions);

WRC recommendations & policies;

- Growth opportunity for remote work, broadband improved; encourage seasonal homeowners to spend more time here if they can work remotely;
- Consider development in the two villages; reducing dev pressures in rural areas (encourage forestry, ag);
- Ag and Forestry industry; strengthening strategies to protect long term viability;

Next meetings;

- Recommended: ask and discuss specific questions in public listening session (like a survey in person);
- Discuss Town Plan energy chapter;

Approve minutes

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Minutes for September 10, 2025. Second by Mr. Barus. All in favor.

Mr. Thompson moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Barus. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Clerk.