

Town of Starksboro
Planning Commission
Minutes (APPROVED)
August 20, 2026

Members Present: Dennis Casey, Luke McCarthy, Dan Nugent, David Schmidt, Dan Kuzio

Members Unable to Attend: None

Others Present: Katie Raycroft-Meyer (ACRPC)

Visitors: None

Meeting called to order by Chair Dennis Casey at 6:30pm

Addison County Regional Planning:

1. K. Raycroft-Meyer was present to give an overview of services ACRPC can provide and ask where the Planning Commission is with certain efforts. Commission provided an overview of the status of the zoning bylaw edits, the Town Plan update, and various other things it is working on. Discussion also included the MERP grant and the Energy Committee's role in the grant as well as the energy section of the Town Plan. Also discussed data collection and where to obtain information for the updated Town Plan, as well as legal review for the proposed bylaws.

Visitors Business: None

PC Current Business:

1. Approve any outstanding minutes

MOTION: D. Schmidt moves to accept the minutes of July 16th. D. Nugent seconds.

VOTE: All in favor

2. Selectboard comments on bylaw revisions or river corridors
 - a. D. Schmidt reports that the majority of the Selectboard will vote in favor of the river corridor draft language. There is a public hearing scheduled for September 15th. Discussion included potential impacts to various properties as well as the fact that this is a state template and language in the bylaws cannot be substantially changed.
 - b. Selectboard also generally on board with proposed zoning bylaws. PC needs to hold a second hearing on the proposed bylaws due to the time that has elapsed since the initial hearing. Due to warning timeframes, it appears the earliest hearing date would be October 1. D. Kuzio to check with Robinson to see if the multi-purpose room is available, send the warning to the Addison Independent, and coordinate with Zoning Administrator to alert neighboring towns. D. Schmidt to send bylaws to ACRPC for second review.
3. Town plan revision
 - a. D. Kuzio reports that the Town Plan was able to be opened in a Word document and is generally editable. Some formatting is a bit off but the document as a whole can be manipulated, so the PC will make edits directly to that document in the future.
4. PC Roundtable
 - a. Briefly discussed the Lexi Thompson letter and proposal. D. Casey to reach out and invite L. Thompson to the 9/3 PC meeting to discuss in more detail.

MOTION: D. Kuzio moves to adjourn. D. Nugent seconds.

VOTE: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Tentative Next Agenda:

1. Visitors Business
2. Discussion with L. Thompson
3. Minutes
4. Check in with warnings re: Bylaw Hearing
5. Town Plan Review
6. Roundtable

Minutes submitted by L. McCarthy