

Town of Orange
Planning Commission Minutes
February 12, 2025
Meeting in Town Hall

1. Called Planning Commission meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Members present were Eric Holmgren, Ray Rossi and Lee Cattaneo. Also present were Michael Raboin, Steve Simpson and Kevin Wilson. Adjustments to the agenda were the addition of discussions on the funding of the Town Plan update and the future use of the Town Forest.
2. Opportunity for public comment/questions. There were none.
3. Recommend appointment of Administrative Officer in accordance with 24 VSA~4448(b). Cattaneo made the motion to nominate John Barnes as the administrative officer for implementing the Town's Inundation Hazard Area Regulations adopted by the Selectboard on July 14, 2014. Rossi seconded the motion and the vote was 2 to 1 with Holmgren voting against. The nomination will be forwarded to the selectboard for their action.
4. Review proposed amendment to the Corinth Subdivision Bylaw. There was no comment on the proposal.
5. Review Orange Village Center Route 302 scoping study pedestrian safety alternatives status. An opportunity for public input on the alternatives will be on the agenda for the March meeting.
6. The Town Plan readoption should be completed by September 2026 in order for the Town to remain eligible for many of the State funded grants. There is currently a Municipal Planning Grant available that could be used for funding the plan update. The Town Grants Committee will be asked to work with the CVRPC to prepare the grant application.
7. The email from the County Forester, Aj Follensbee, was reviewed. There will be an opportunity provided for public input at the March 12th meeting. Michael Raboin indicated that Aj Follensbee could be in attendance.

8. Approved the minutes of the January 8, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. Holmgren made the motion to approve, Rossi seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
9. Set date, time and agenda for next meeting. The next meeting will be on March 12, 2025 with general business beginning at 4:30, a public input meeting on the future plans for the Town Forest at 5:00 and a public meeting on the Route 302 scoping study alternatives at 5:30.
10. Adjourned Planning Commission meeting at 5:31 P.M.