

Town of Orange
Planning Commission Minutes
August 13, 2025
Meeting in Town Hall

1. Called Planning Commission meeting to order at 4:36 P.M. In attendance were members Eric Holmgren and Lee Cattaneo. Public participants in attendance were Kevin Wilson, Emily Ruff, Betzy Bancroft and Janis Blais.
2. Opportunity for public comment/questions. Public questions on Forest Management Plan will be on that agenda item.
3. Approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. Eric made the motion to approve, Lee seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
4. In accordance with 24 VSA~4448(a), nominate an administrative officer for the Town of Orange to administer the Inundation Hazard Area Regulations as contained in the Town bylaws. As Matt Wadsworth has replaced the previous administrative officer, John Barnes, the Town Road Forman who issues driveway opening permits, Eric made the motion to nominate Matt Wadsworth as the administrative officer, Lee seconded, and the nomination was unanimously approved and will be sent to the Selectboard.
5. Set date, time and agenda for next meeting. The next meeting will be on September 10, 2025, agenda to be set at a later date prior to the meeting.
6. The meeting was paused at 4:48 and resumed at 5:00.

7. **5:00 P.M.** Public presentation of final draft Town Forest Management Plan and Planning Commission vote on recommendation to the Selectboard for adoption. There was a question on the future actions of the County Forester and it was noted that the actions of the Forester and of the Town are outlined in the plan. There were compliments on the quality of the plan and how well it was prepared. Eric made the motion to recommend adoption to the Selectboard, Lee seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved and the plan will be sent to the Selectboard for adoption.

8. Adjourned Planning Commission meeting at 5:05 P.M.