

Town of Orange
Planning Commission Minutes
September 10, 2025
Meeting in Town Hall

1. Called Planning Commission meeting to order at 4:38 P.M. In attendance were members Eric Holmgren, Ray Rossi and Lee Cattaneo. Also in attendance were Kevin Wilson (Orange Selectboard member), Michael Tagliavia (Representative Orange-1), Niki Sabado (CVRPC), Brian Voigt (CVRPC) and Andrea Day (Dufresne Group).
2. Opportunity for public comment/questions. There were none.
3. Approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. Ray made the motion to approve, Eric seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Set date, time and agenda for next meeting. The meeting will be on October 15, 2025, at 4:30 P.M.
5. **After a brief pause, the meeting was reconvened at 5:00 P.M.** The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission representatives gave an overview of Act 181 legislation, that updated Act 250 statewide land use permitting to create a tiered framework for location-based jurisdiction. The presentation included information on the regional future land use map process, land use categories, the Act 250-tiered process, and the statewide RPC mapping methodology. There was much discussion amongst all participants. The changes that would most likely be of concern to the Town of Orange would be the new roadway regulations, which are under development, and the Tier 3 designations which will be forthcoming next year. CVRPC will keep the Town informed of both as they are developed.

6. Andrea Day presented the final draft U.S. Route 302 pedestrian safety scoping study for Orange Village Center. The recommended changes, which were discussed at the previously held alternatives presentation meeting, have been incorporated and issues raised by VTrans review have been addressed. Eric made the motion to accept the final report and send it to the Selectboard for adoption, Ray seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
7. Ray made the motion to adjourn, Eric seconded, and the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.