

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026

Present: Bill Hawkins, Mark Vaillancourt, James Ozone, Jeanne Gervais

Virtual: Mike Strait, Joel Cope, Alison Low, Peyton Russo

Bill Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Update to the Agenda: Peyton Russo, VHCB AmeriCorps member, joined to discuss her Independent Service Project. She will conduct a transportation survey for Island Pond/Brighton (including barriers, unmet needs, accessibility issues, etc.) via mailings and in-person at a few local businesses. She asked the Planning Commission to review her draft survey and provide feedback. Mike Strait will email the survey to members.

Public Comment: None

Town Plan - Alison from NVDA: Alison informed members that the proposed regional plan has been sent to the Land Use Review Board and expects a hearing in July 2026. The LURB would also like to spend a day touring the Northeast Kingdom, including Brighton to better understand how the future land use map could benefit the community. They will visit on June 22, 2026.

Zoning Administrator Update: Bruce Rumball-Petre was not present. Alison Low mentioned that Westfield, Vermont bans storage containers from the village center so as not to compete with potential housing development, pertaining to past discussions on including specific language on storage containers in the revised bylaws.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Mark Vaillancourt moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Bill Hawkins. All in favor; motion carried.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: Mark Vaillancourt moved to adjourn at 5:57PM. Seconded by Bill Hawkins. All in favor; meeting adjourned.