

WATERBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 27, 2025

In Attendance

Commissioners: Martha Staskus, Dana Allen, Kati Gallagher, Billy Vidgor, Robbie Adler

Public: Whitney Aldrich (Waterbury Arts), Cheryl Casey, Sarah Horwitz, Nita Hultstrom, Emily DeAlto, Alyssa Johnson, Carrie MacMillan, Rob Foregger, Margaret and Frank Tietje, Perrin Williams

Agenda review and possible modifications

Kati Gallagher asked to add an update on the Better Connections Grant Project.

Announcements and General public comments

There were no public comments

Approval of October 13, 2025 Minutes

October 13th minutes were moved to future meeting for approval.

Better Connections Grant Project

Kati Gallagher updated the PC with their timeline. There will be a walking tour during the weekend afternoon on Saturday, November 1st in Waterbury Center. All are welcome to come.

Municipal Plan Update Tasks:

Discuss the Aspirations, Goals and Strategies for Historic and Cultural Resources

Stakeholders for the Historic and Cultural Resources municipal plan chapters joined in a review of the SE Group presentation for these topics.. - The roundtable style discussion reviewed the proposed Aspirations, Goals, and Strategies . The PC took feedback from the session from Waterbury Arts and working with SE Group, will incorporate them into draft chapters.

Draft Municipal Chapter

The PC discussed template and content of the draft chapter. PC members will work on edits to the draft.

Letters of Support for grant applications

The PC reviewed draft grant applications that were recently vetted by the Select Board. There are 3 grant applications related to flood resiliency efforts. One will investigate dam removals for the 'Colbyville Dams' on Thatcher Brook (Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District to be the applicant to the Lake Champlain Basin Program). One is to perform a flood resilience modeling study to determine a variety of alternatives for flood plain reconnection (the Town is the lead applicant to the Lake Champlain Basin Program). The third is to investigate a potential conservation easement on the Randall Meadow property (led by Vermont Land Trust for funding from the Lake Champlain Basin Program).

Robbie Adler motioned to support the 3 letters of support for 3 grants and to approve the edits made by the Selectboard to the grants as well from their meeting on October 20th.

Billy Vigdor seconded the motion.

5-0. Approved.

8:55 p.m. Adjournment