

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Lynne Bertram, Chair.

Present: Butch Wardwell, David Dibenedetto and Nancy Robinson

Guest: Kevin Geiger, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission

Changes/Additions to agenda: None

Butch moved to accept the minutes of February 3, 2026, as written, Dave seconded the motion and motion carried.

Lynne reported that she read the Town Plan revision letter at town meeting as well as handing out a copy of the letter and land use map. A couple of people asked questions and showed interest. A brief discussion ensued regarding the current housing problems and lack of rental housing as more people are renting as air-bn-b's rather than as full-time living units. There is not a short-term rental database, so it is hard to control and regulate. We can add some short-term rental information into the new town plan.

Kevin explained that the town plan revisions will have to include new regulations related to Goal 15 regarding marginalized and inequitable areas in town. Will also have to change language to include policy actions rather than noted as "In the best interest of the Town".

Commissioners reviewed the Aesthetics and Out Lighting and Community Health & Wellness chapters. A few edits and changes were made which will be included in the working draft. There was discussion about adding "links" into the plan to allow for easy access to other information. Members were in agreement to add the "links".

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 4:30pm. Will continue with Transportation, Energy and Telecommunication chapters if time allows.

Being no other business, Butch moved to adjourn at 5:25 pm. Dave seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Town Clerk