

Town of Danby
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

Town Office, Danby, VT 7:00pm

<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>

Zoom Meeting I.D. – 876 9010 0162

Attendees: Donny Keeler, Hilda Haines, Shelley Taylor, Greg Heaton, Dave Powers, Drea Stoddard

Absent – Janice Arnold

Public – Kim Corey, Tracey Porter, Rick Porter, Hillary Solomon

Virtual – Annette Smith, S Meyer, Terry Parker

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Shelley Taylor
- Set Agenda
 - Motion to set agenda by Greg seconded by Hilda
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Approval of previous meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Hilda seconded by Donny
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
 - Tracey wondering why the post on FPF had one time and the agenda had another time for the meeting
 - Will clarify with Robyn that meeting time needs to be verified when posting on FPF
- Alex Wilde – CMS update
 - Not present – sent information in email with community committee proposal
 - Currently the school will remain property of T&G and BRSU school district
 - The district is currently evaluating CMS building for potential use as a regional Special Education center
 - A formal recommendation is expected in December of 2026
 - Concerns about what happens in December 2026
 - What if the recommendation is no, and the building is offered to the town then?
 - Still need to have sometime type of plan in place for what if situation
 - If the Community Committee takes off
 - When is this committee forming?
 - What involvement from the town is still needed
 - There is a lot of opportunity if the town would be able to take ownership of building
 - Planning Commission to work on ideas for the building
 - Community outreach to hear what the community would want if
 - Next Planning Commission meeting February 3, 2026 at 7pm
 - Plan the way forward for CMS – how we want to reach out to the community
 - Start exploring options
- Hillary Solomon – update
 - Flower Brook Water Shed Update
 - Top 13 projects
 - Half in Danby half in Pawlet
 - Culvert stabilization, tree planting, channel restoration etc

- Working with RRPC to decrease the phosphorus going into Lake Champlain
 - Grants are available for some of the projects
- Downside of the study there were a lot of small projects
 - Trying to keep as much of the gravel in the headwater
- Could do more exploration in the turn around area by the gravel pit and town property
 - Projects are also available on private property
- Is there an actual measure of phosphorus or is it all modeled
 - Most of the numbers are modeled
 - Some testing as been done during storm run-off
 - Little practices do help will phosphorus retention
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - None
- Motion to adjourn 7:35pm by Donny, Seconded by Hilda
 - Motion passes unanimously
 - Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Secretary – Drea Stoddard