

**Town of Danby**  
**DRAFT 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 some 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