

TOWN OF STAMFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 12, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Planning Commission: Peter Greenbush, Chair, Debra Burchard, Alden Finney, Lisa Gramlin, Sheila Lawrence, and Jim Stimpson.

Marta Miller, Natalie O'Neil, and Stephanie Shelburne were not present.

Visitors: Kurt Gamari, ex officio member, Debra Righi and James Righi.

Peter Greenbush called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

MINUTES:

Unable to approve minutes from December 8, 2025 due to lack of quorum from that meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Peter Greenbush welcomed Debra Burchard back to the board.

The Planning Commission is waiting for the Select Board chair to fill out and sign the paperwork for the Municipal Grant Stamford was recently awarded. The deadline is January 24th.

The Planning Commission discussed asking Nick Zaiac of BCRC to come speak to them regarding the pros and cons of moving to a DRB (Development Review Board) system. Jim Stimpson and Peter Greenbush voiced their support for having a neutral party come in and give more information on the topic. Deb Burchard said that the last time a BCRC representative came to speak on the topic they were not treated well. The board agreed that any speaker shall be treated with respect.

MOTION by Lisa Gramlin to invite Nick Zaiac to our next meeting. SECONDED by Debra Burchard. All in favor Motion APPROVED.

Kurt Gamari says that while much of the Town Plan verbiage is already there we will need to get into the nuts and bolts of what we want for the town and the Bylaws should reflect this. The Town Plan guides the Bylaws. Lisa is concerned that there is a deadline for rewriting the Town Plan and feels that should take precedence. Jim and Deb feel the bylaws are in need of a lot of revision and that we should be working on these immediately. Deb thinks there are parts of the Bylaws (ex. definitions) that could be addressed now. Peter clarified that he is looking for the approval of the Grant and to get that process rolling. He feels once we get the rewriting of the Town Plan in progress we can then create a work session for working on the Bylaws. Kurt suggested reaching out to BCRC regarding any laws that have been created which we need to consider.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa reminded the board that on January 15th at 2p.m. there is a BCRC Energy Committee Zoom

meeting which we were invited to attend to discuss our recommendations. Additionally, there is a BCRC meeting that evening for anyone who would like to attend.

MOTION by Peter Greenbush to adjourn. SECONDED by Lisa Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Lisa Gramlin
Planning Commission Clerk