

TOWN OF STAMFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 14, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Planning Commission: Lisa Gramlin, Chair, Debra Burchard, Alden Finney, and Marta Miller.

Not Present: Natalie O'Neil, James Stimpson, and Pam Tworig.

Visitors: Callie Fishburn and Samantha Page of BCRC, Debra Righi, and James Righi.

Lisa Gramlin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

MOTION by Lisa Gramlin to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2026 as written.

SECONDED by Marta Miller. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

DISCUSSION:

Callie Fishburn and Sam Page presented the findings from the townwide survey (in graphic form) with interpretation of the data and how it applies going forward with the new Town Plan. It was noted that, of the factors related to planning, water and natural resources were of high concern amongst townspeople as well as preservation of the town's rural character and a desire for a community center. Possible organizational structure for the Town Plan were discussed. BCRC will begin drafting rough copy, noting that the Board would have complete freedom in content and editing the document. Maps, photos, and graphics will be determined after the substance has been drafted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board compiled a list of further questions for Laura Ranker, a water source protection specialist with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources who recently gave a presentation to the Planning Commission, to be emailed to her by the Chair on behalf of the group. Additionally, it was agreed that the Board should reach out to Ben DeJong, state geologist, for any bedrock geology mapping available for our area. There was discussion on enlisting the expertise of a hydrogeologist. It was agreed that more information is needed to identify where in particular water needs to be protected within the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Gramlin provided board members with a comparative sheet of figures in reference to the cost of a municipal water system based upon Readsboro's experiences. It was noted that, aside from the cost of installation, a municipal water system would incur costs in a variety of areas, including paying for an operator, testing, chemicals, insurance, and repairs.

MOTION by Lisa Gramlin to adjourn. SECONDED by Debra Burchard. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gramlin, Chair
Stamford Planning Commission