

Town of Benson

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Planning Commission meeting held on January 14, 2026

Present: Cheryl Murray, Ted Kellogg, Steve Murray

Absent: Jean-Sebastien Valois, Brad Barrett

Others Present: Sean Beatty, RRPC

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl Murray at 5:38 pm.

No public comment.

Motion to approve the agenda by Steve, second by Ted. Motion carries.

Motion by Ted to approve the minutes of 12/17/2025, second by Steve. Approved.

Work continued on revisions to the town plan, with input from Sean Beatty (RRPC).

We went over the Plan after all notes and comments were removed from the document. Cheryl stated that she had not received any documentation or notes from either Brad or Jean, both were not in attendance at this meeting. The document was read through while looking at the printed version and some changes were made to language, including removing repetitive sentences. Found a few more formatting issues, including updates to a few graphs and charts. Sean will incorporate the results and email us shortly with a new document. Cheryl will distribute by email to the rest of the committee.

Heidi Chandler (Town Clerk) was able to show us a copy of the Recreation Plan and we decided that since it was referenced several times in the Town Plan, that we would include it as an Appendix item. Sean said he would be able to do that.

We made a decision to follow up by email by sending the revised document to all board members, and chose to plan on notifying the RRPC (Devon Neary) and neighboring towns by the first of February at the latest. We will need to have a brief meeting to make a motion to do so (no date was set as we were short by two board members). The RRPC and the towns need to be notified 30 days prior to our Planning Commission hearing. At that point, we will be able set a date for the PC hearing.

Ted made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Murray, Clerk, Town of Benson Planning Commission.