

Town of Bristol
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Meeting Minutes
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Members Present: Chanin Hill, Slim Pickens, Kris Perlee, Ellen Repstad, Rob Rooker
Staff Present: AZ Larsen, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Others Present: Peter Hewitt

I. Call to Order: Rob called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. The meeting was held in person and via ZOOM.

II. Review agenda for additions, removal, or adjustment of any items per 1 V.S.A. 18 §312(d)(3)(A) and implicit approval.

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

III. Public Comment

Peter Hewitt spoke of his letter to the Selectboard recommending that strategies be explored for creating a more close-knit community.

IV. Town Plan Update

Public Participation Plan – AZ presented information about holding community conversations and other forms of engagement as part of the Town Plan process. They covered some ‘elevator pitch’ key talking points, outlined in a document provided by Dan Mallach. PC members will review the document and provide AZ with comments, ideas for additions, and other feedback on information to be provided in workshops.

Plans are to present this information for discussion at workshops and informal events such as living room chats, neighborhood forums, and tabling at local events.

Town Plan Workshops – AZ outlined that two workshops are planned at this point, one September and one in February. There was some discussion of locations, provision of child care, and serving of food. It was agreed that the September workshop should be scheduled for the date of the regular PC meeting, September 15; AZ will determine whether Mount Abe or Holley Hall will be the better venue, and will reach out to Meridith McFarland regarding child care. Pizza will be served.

Town Plan Survey – It was agreed that many of the questions posed in the 2006 survey are still relevant, and that comparative data would be useful. It was noted that Jessica Teets might be able to provide some assistance through her students in developing an updated survey.

2020 Vision Statement – The 2020 statement was reviewed, and some PC members had provided updated drafts. These were discussed, with AZ taking notes on the feedback provided. The group will begin drafting a new version based on this conversation.

V. Administrative Matters

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 21, 2026 were approved.

Possible 2nd Meeting Date: It was agreed to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of October.

VI. Public Comment

Peter had some questions about the portable toilet in the Park, and was advised to speak with the Rec Department.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary

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