

TOWN OF STAMFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
March 9, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Planning Commission: Stephanie Shelburne, Chair, Debra Burchard, Kurt Gamari, ex officio, Lisa Gramlin, Marta Miller, Natalie O'Neil, and James Stimpson.

Alden Finney was not present.

Visitors: Debra Righi, James Righi, and Pamela Tworig.

James Stimpson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Callie Fishburn and Samantha Page of BCRC began work with the Planning Commission on the Town Plan Update. The current Town Plan expires June 2027. A slide show was presented outlining the project timeline which includes various community engagement activities such as a survey, a walking tour, and engaging students. The new Town Plan should reflect what townspeople would want to see for the future of Stamford. Kurt Gamari informed the Board that there is a historically-based walking tour of Stamford which we could work from. The Board will begin work on the survey for next month's meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

MOTION by Lisa Gramlin to nominate Stephanie Shelburne as Planning Commission Chair.

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

MOTION by Marta Miller to nominate James Stimpson as Planning Commission Vice Chair.

SECONDED by Lisa Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Marta Miller to nominate Lisa Gramlin as Planning Commission Clerk. SECONDED by Debra Burchard. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES:

The Planning Commission agreed to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meeting dates are subject to review and may be changed.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Marta Miller to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2026 as written. SECONDED by Jim Stimpson. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

DISCUSSION:

Debra Burchard reminded everyone of the Open Meeting Law. There is a VLCT training in Open Meeting Law on April 18th.

There was some discussion on the Road Rule: when it will become law and what its purpose is. Kurt Gamari mentioned the importance of habitat connectors.

Town Bylaws Revision: The Board discussed how to organize their approach to the work going forward. There is much that needs to be modernized. The Board needs to keep in mind the many new laws that are being put into effect.

OLD BUSINESS:

DRB: MOTION by James Stimpson to table the discussion. SECONDED by Lisa Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa reminded everyone that VLCT holds an Advocacy Chat once a month to answer questions and clarify laws.

MOTION by James Stimpson to adjourn. SECONDED by Natalie O'Neil. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Lisa Gramlin
Planning Commission Clerk