

Town of Charleston Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on December 12, 2024

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Members Attending: John Kellogg, Chair; Tom Wagner, Member; Peter Moskovites, Ex Officio; Terry Rollins; Ex Officio. Members Unable to Attend: Blair Moulton, Clerk; Hap Eliason, Member; Eleanor Leger, Member. Also Attending: Colleen Kellogg, Assistant Town Clerk.

The meeting, held at the Town Office, was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Under New Agenda Items, Tom Wagner asked to discuss the now completed Echo-Seymour Lakes Watershed Action Plan and what it might mean for Charleston.

Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Planning Commission meeting were read. A motion was made by Peter Moskovites to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Wagner. The motion passed unanimously. There was no Public Comment.

Under Old Business, Mr. Kellogg noted that the town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Town Plan are both up for renewal in 2026 (April 12 and December 13, respectively). The Planning Commission will begin planning for these during 2025.

Also under Old Business, Mr. Kellogg reported that the 2024 Annual Report from NEK Broadband noted that 57 member towns have started pre-construction licensing work. He said he would check on the status of Charleston in this process. Also under Old Business, Hap Eliason reported by email that the town solar array is fully functional and had a good year of solar production in 2024.

Under New Business, Mr. Kellogg proposed that the Commission keep to the same meeting schedule for 2025 and set meeting dates of March 13, June 12, September 11, and December 11. Seeing no objection, the 2025 meeting schedule was adopted.

Also under New Business, Mr. Kellogg said that NVDA, which has supported Charleston's Town Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, has offered free planning consultation to our town by an NVDA representative who will attend a quarterly meeting in 2025 to discuss available support and services.

Also under New Business, Mr. Wagner said the *Echo-Seymour Lakes Watershed Action Plan* has been finalized and made public. The plan identifies 24 specific projects in Charleston related to erosion and water control issues. Major projects were identified on West Echo Lake Road to Morgan/Charleston Road, and at the Fish and Wildlife access area. Other priorities include increasing a buffer in the Moulton Farm area and installing water bars in a driveway that is near to the lake. These efforts are in line with our town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan goals. Mr.

Wagner said he appreciated Mr. Moskovites' participation in the presentation meeting. Mr. Kellogg asked Mr. Wagner to provide the Commission with a copy of the LWAP report.

Mr. Moskovites said he received a call from someone interested in starting a Boat Greeter program at Pensioner Pond. Mr. Wagner recommends they get in touch with Karl Koenigsbauer, who is involved with the Echo Lake greeters' program.

Seeing no other business before the Commission, Mr. Kellogg asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Rollins. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 pm on March 13, 2025 at the Town Office.

Minutes Accepted on March 13, 2025 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk