

Peacham Planning Commission

Meeting minutes from 6/16/2026

Attendees: Doug Morton (Chair), Marilyn Magnus, Michael Low, Ross MacDonald

- Meeting started at 7:06pm
- Doug asked for any feedback or comments on the documents provided to date (town plan templates, plans for other towns, and a presentation from NVDA).
- Doug confirmed all this information is for the eventual drafting process, and for now, there are a series of steps to take before commencing with those efforts.
- Doug volunteered to attend the Peacham Selectboard meeting on 6/17/26 to discuss the current town plan, the elements that will need to be updated to allow the Commission to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) and will request an agenda item to adopt this updated version in an upcoming Selectboard meeting in July, August at the latest.
- Doug will then review and incorporate broad language into the three sections that are currently out of compliance, which are Housing, Energy and Flood Mitigation. NVDA has offered suggested language, and Doug will send the draft to the other members of the Commission for review.
- Michael inquired if a public comment period or public participation is necessary for this interim step, and it was determined that the public participation will be part of the full drafting of the plan, hopefully after receiving a Municipal Planning Grant. The new town plan isn't due until Spring 2027, so the Commission feels there will be ample opportunity for a robust public comment period, a survey, and public meetings once we embark on the full drafting process, post-MPG.
- Doug offered to share a "Notes" or similar document for the members of the Commission to use for ideas, suggestions, areas of concern or interest... a living doc that will be a deliberative catch-all for ongoing considerations and issues. This was appreciated by the other members.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Submitted by Ross MacDonald, June 18, 2026.