

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: September 9, 2026

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PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Susan Lyons, David Traczyk, Horace Duke

Guests:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Rich. T. Any adjustments to the Agenda?

Dave T. Motion to approve the Minutes from August 18th as written, 2nd by Horace D.

New Business:

Rich T. Sam Lash was supposed to be here tonight, but she had a family matter that she was needed for, but she did mention some things that we could go over at this meeting. Working on the LHMP's mitigation actions chart. Saturday's public outreach - - are we still going to do it? She will also be sending me a more detailed list and some sheets that folks could fill out together. I haven't done anything on this Saturday's parade update.

Susan L. If you are still interested in doing this – I have been in touch with Lindsey Contois who is organizing the event - - Williamstown Fall Festival. I have signed us up for a booth – it is \$50.00 and I did up an invoice for it and Jennifer has given me a check for it. I will drop off the check with Lindsey tomorrow. We can set up at 10:00 – it opens at 11:00.
Discussion followed on time to meet Saturday and what materials we would bring.

Rich T. I am going to get in touch with Ryan (Town Mgr.) and go over a couple of things with him and see if we can get Front Porch Forum Survey that he had put back on it again. See if he could also mention the vacancies that we have for the Planning, Cemetery and Recreation Committees. I would also like to follow up with Keith C. and Ryan L. and the new Road Foreman to work on the new mitigation actions for the LHMP. Keith has info on a "Better Connections Grant". I can forward the info that Keith had on the Hazard risks to everyone here.

Susan L. I will make a copy for Horace too. I also want to mention that I have included two Budget Status Reports. The one for the Previous Year – under the Grant Match line shows the amount for the latest invoice from CVRPC and it came out of our Prev. Yr. Budget. I have also checked with Ryan to see when our new budget figures will need to be in. They are needed by the end of October so we can work on that at our next meeting.

Rich T. If folks can take a look at what we have for the budget for next year that would be helpful. The CVRPC Dues won't technically be set until their Oct. 20th meeting, but on the form that I have it shows that the proposed dues will be \$5,167.54.

Horace D. I say that we add monies (\$100,000) to get some trees cut down around town. Might have to hire someone to just cut down some dead trees. No matter what road you go on (and not just our town) there are trees that need to be cut down. The Emerald Ash Borer didn't help our town. Now there are some newer ones.

Dave T. I have heard that the Lantern Fly is heading north from CT way. My siblings in CT are saying that they are everywhere and doing a lot of damage to the trees also.

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Rich T. I don't really have anything else to share.

Rich T. Anything else? Nothing mentioned.

Horace D. Motion to adjourn made at 8:00 p.m. 2nd by Susan L. All approved.

Next Meeting – Oct. 7, 2026
