

Strafford Planning Commission  
Minutes  
August 18, 2025

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Planning Commission members present: Stuart Crocker, Chair; Chrissy Jamieson; Martha Walke; Greg Colling; Andy Silovich; Jonathan Nedeau; Michael Scanlan

Others present: John Echeverria; Micki Colbeck; Kyle Hansen, TRORC planner

-Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:01

-The minutes of May 19 were approved. (MW/GC)

Kyle gave a presentation about the changes in regional planning designations dictated by new state laws and the effect on the Act 250 review process. He also discussed how these changes were aimed at making it easier to construct new housing. The state target for new housing in the TRORC area is about 3200 units, although that target is aspirational and not mandatory. For Strafford this translates to about 50 new units of which 55% should be in the villages. Kyle presented a new draft regional planning map for Strafford, with expanded village areas. These expanded areas are intended to locate areas with the potential for new housing construction, e.g. not in a flood plain, not on steep slopes. The people present reviewed the maps and made some suggestions for changes. The Commission will review the maps more closely in the next meeting.

-The meeting adjourned at 8:10 (MW/CJ)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Scanlan, Secretary