

MONTHLY PLANNING BOARD REPORT

January 2026

Members Present Barry Kidder-chairman , Jim Fodge

Members Absent Shane Slayton , Sean Turner

Sean Turner- term ended 12/31/25 and needs to be reappointed

At this time Barry Kidder- chairman, Jim Fodge and Shane Slayton are the only ones with current Oath Of Office.

Alternate Josh Furgeson term ended 12/31/23

Under New York Town Law 271 A 7 member planning board has staggered 7 year terms. Initial appointments are set so one member's term expires at the end of each calendar year, with subsequent appointments lasting 7 years to ensure continuity and prevent the entire board from turning over at once.

In 2007 the Town Board adopted a local law - Law 2 2007 Planning Board Law which supersedes the standard provisions of NYS Town Law 271. The new law, under Municipal Home Rule Law 10, Enables the town to restructure the board to a 5 year term. This means that there will be times when the terms of 2 members' will expire at the end of a calendar year.

Somehow, the Planning Board has ended up with 3 members with terms expiring on 12/31/25. Robin Phenes with some family issues so her term could not be carried over and Andrew Burdin who is now on the Town Board and his term could not be carried over and Sean Turner who needs to be reappointed.

I have presented a possible solution so that no more than 2 member's terms will expire in the same year. Jim Fodge, Sean Turner and Shane Slayton their terms remain unchanged. New members would have an initial term length less than 5 years.

In the past an alternate was not called unless needed to make a quorum. I will be calling on them to fill in to maintain a 7 member board. This will help to better prepare them should they choose to fill a vacancy of a regular board member.

I have been out knocking on doors and making phone calls, introducing myself as the new Planning Board Chairman. I am happy to report that effort has paid off.

I have made numerous phone calls and visits to the Town Clerks Office. I want to thank Fran for all of her help!

Barry Kidder

Planning Board Chairman