

Surry Planning Board
1 Village Road
Surry, NH 03431

Minutes: January 21, 2026

Present: Laryssa Hiller, Eva Morel, Ron Profaizer, Laura Barrett

7:04 PM

Minutes of the January 14th public hearing were approved. (Eva, Laryssa)

Minutes of the December meeting were approved. (Ron, Laryssa)

Mail: A driveway permit application was received from Dean Dorman, Jonathan Dorman and Jan McGonagle for property on Farm Road which currently has a temporary driveway permit. This new driveway will be in a different location. Laura moved that the application be forwarded to the Selectmen without recommendations. Second by Laryssa. All in favor.

Ron explained that the selectmen had received an email inquiring if a landowner could install and live in a tiny home while building a permanent home. The tiny home would be 10 feet by 20 feet (200 square feet) and attached to well and septic and be located in the general zone. It would not be manufactured housing. We discussed Article VII of the zoning ordinance which states "Every primary dwelling erected in a Residence District within 300 feet of the centerline of any public street shall have at minimum ground floor area of six hundred (600) square feet, outside dimensions for each family unit." We interpreted the phrase "a Residence District" to mean any district where residences are allowed and therefore a 200 square foot home would not be allowed within 300 feet of a public street. The selectmen will inform the potential applicant.

We had a brief discussion of the steep slope maps and learned that the online link to the SWRPC maps is not working.

Laryssa is willing to write a synopsis of the master plan for the Town Report.

We debriefed the January public hearing. Laryssa and Eva are interested in compiling zoning data from other towns to compare with our zoning.

John Davis spoke about discontinuing class VI roads as a proactive measure. He is concerned that substandard roads and driveways are a danger to fire and rescue personnel and equipment. He is also opposed to cul-de-sacs, dead ends, as a traffic issue for emergency vehicles.

Eva would like to produce an agenda for meetings to notify the public about what will be discussed. We will begin looking at the zoning table of uses (Article V) and zoning districts (Article IV) at our next meeting. The planning board could get its own email address for public questions and comments.

It was noted that Matt and Laryssa are up for election this year.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM.

Laura Barrett, Secretary

