

Surry Planning Board
1 Village Road
Surry, NH

Minutes: February 18, 2026

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

7:00 PM

The minutes of the January meeting were approved. (Eva, Laryssa)

There was a discussion about Planning Board emails. Emails received should be forwarded or available to all members so that members could individually prepare for the next meeting. There would be no board discussion prior to the public meeting. Ron is working on the email program.

Ron stated that the Selectmen had sent correspondence to the applicant for the tiny home.

John Davis reiterated his opposition to 5 acre lots and long driveways. He also informed the board that the natural resources inventory ordered by the Conservation Commission should be ready soon.

Bruce Smith pointed out that the description of the General Zone in the Zoning Ordinance Article IV states that "it is intended that larger-lot development can occur in this district, complimented by rural and agricultural uses."

The board then discussed where to start the review of the Zoning Ordinance, the table of uses, definitions of districts, or with the statement of purpose. It was decided that suggested changes to wording should be in writing with enough room for edits and comments as we work toward any final wording.

Article IV Districts should be looked at with the Master Plan themes found on pages 7,8 and 9 of that plan in mind. They are: preserve the rural character, include a variety of housing options, and allow some light industrial and business uses.

Denise LaRoche would like to see all of Route 12A zoned for business. Laryssa pointed out that the rural residential zone already allows many commercial uses.

There was discussion about other towns zoning districts and district boundaries. The board wondered why certain roads were designated as general zone and noted that those roads have all been developed as residential and that the roads would not be suitable for some of the permitted business uses.

Ron passed out copies of the Table of Uses and proposed language for Article I for later discussion.

Bruce Smith reminded the board of the cost of education of students associated with housing development.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Laura Barrett
Secretary