

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD MEETING: June 22, 2026 6:00PM — Minutes – APPROVED

PB Present: Rob Vogel, Steve Murray, Frank Emig, Dean Gowen, Brian St. Pierre, Mark Goodwin, Katy Haas (AA, BOS)

PB Absent: John Mattson (alternate)

Public, Staff & Board Members Present: Mary Hildreth (ZBA), Linda Christie (ZBA), Ryanne Schoonover (BOS), Susan Metsack (Budget), Janet Slochum (ConCom), Bill Vannah (Budget), Kathi Bradt (BOS), Jennifer Bland (Hwy), Charlotte Comeau (Town Admin), Betty Gowen, Blake and Kristen Gowen & family

Joint Session Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

BS motions to approve May 26, 2026 PB Meeting Minutes, FE seconds, approved.

RV opens discussion for concerns to discuss and ordinances to take up by PB for 2027 voting.

LC says all building permits for CL are ending up at ZBA; consider merging multiple lots. Discussion regarding CL zoning specifically, how town enforcement functions, and role of the ZBA generally.

JS and ConCom are looking to clarify language of zoning around surface water in town—making definitions and terms more clear for permitting and enforcement purposes.

KB is concerned with not having zoning for new kinds of outside entities. MG brings up current zoning language regarding permitted uses and special exceptions, and ways this may address use generally.

SM (PB) discusses the concerns around septic at CL and state stipulated regulation to protect lake water, the value of CL property, and how with growth and lack of adherence or enforcement, phosphorus levels will climb, which is bad for the water, and depreciates the tax value of homes on the lake.

CC explains how voting for a local building code would allow for a building inspector, with the authority to enforce code, and address concerns of enforcement of zoning and safety more generally, as well as issue COs. CC has draft text and is updating it.

Joint session closed at 6:55. Planning Board regular meeting begun at 6:56.