

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 6, 2026**  
**Council Room, Municipal Building**  
**6:00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Steve Conley, Chairman  
Jeff McCabe, Vice-Chairman  
Anjanette McFarlin  
Erin Scally  
Tonja Lary, Recording Secretary

Andrew Thorpe, Secretary  
Randall Franck  
Dan Luce  
Turner Allen, Town Planner

**ABSENT:** Michelle Kelso

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Aaron Crocker, Code Enforcement Officer; Steve Govoni; Gavin Blawie and Donnie Zaluski, Pollution Control Supervisor

1) QUORUM

The Planning Board Meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.

2) MINUTES OF THE December 16, 2025, PLANNING BOARD MEETING TO BE APPROVED.

A motion was made by Jeff McCabe to approve the minutes of December 16, 2025. The motion was seconded by Andrew Thorpe. The motion was approved 5-0.

3) SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION/FLOOD HAZARD/SHORELAND ZONING

A) Discussion and Decision on a Flood Hazard permit application submitted by Steven Govoni of Wentworth Partners & Associates on behalf of Gavin Blawie for the emplacement of an existing barn located at 37 Alder St. (Assessor's Map 26, Lot 58).

Steve Govoni explained the work that needed to be done at the location to shore up the barn. He explained the elevation levels to the board. Aaron Crocker explained that the work had been stopped until the permit was approved. He has the Shoreland Zone and Building Permit ready to be approved after the meeting.

Anjanette McFarlin made a motion to approve the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Luce. Motion passes.

## B) ITEMS BY PUBLIC

None

## C) COMMUNICATIONS

## D) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A) Updates to the Solid Waste Management Ordinance.

Cindy could not be present at the meeting but did give Aaron her feedback on the amended ordinance received from KVCOG. Aaron noted that the fee schedule still needs to be removed from Section 5, as well as the “Preparation of recyclables” as those will be posted at the buildings and on the website. Turner will make the changes as noted and bring them back for the next meeting to be approved by the Board before sending them to the Selectboard for approval to move to a Public Hearing.

## E) NEW BUSINESS

### A) Discussion regarding Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Whitten Brook.

Bryan Belliveau had to leave the meeting prior to this item. Tonja Lary read the list of items that he noted would need to be looked at in the ordinance to work with the Whitten Brook project. Steve noted that this can be discussed at the next meeting.

### B) Discussion regarding Sewer Ordinance and Septage Receiving.

Donnie Zaluski, Pollution Control Supervisor, provided a brief background on what has been occurring and where he would like to make changes to the Ordinance and policy:

- An existing sewage policy from 1988 was discovered and is not posted on the website.
- The policy has been verbally enforced for septage receiving but not followed as written.
- The policy includes charging for septage by volume, which has not been consistently applied.
- He and the Town Manager will rewrite and update the policy to include a formal fee structure.
- The revised policy will be submitted to the Selectboard for approval.
- After approval, the sewer Ordinance (adopted in 2004) will be amended to provide legal backing.
- He has spoken with the town attorney, who confirmed the ordinance update will follow the revised policy.

Donnie talked about the fact that septage is 80 times harder to treat than regular sewage and is costing the plant more in repairs. By charging the fees that were in the policy, some of the costs of repair would be covered. They discussed the different processes of treatment of septage, the taxes that pay for the sewer and septage fees currently, and other ideas for combating the issues. Donnie will put something together with numbers for them to review.

The overall concept is that they have an existing sewer policy that is not being enforced. It is not posted and it needs to be amended and then to amend the Ordinance to support the policy.

**F) ITEMS BY:**

- A) Selectmen – none present
- B) Department Heads -Donnie said that he will have more information available at the next meeting with historical data points.
- C) Members – no reports
- D) Chairman – no report
- E) Staff – no report

A motion was made by Andrew Thorpe and seconded by Dan Luce to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

**Minutes approved on February 3, 2026**

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