

TOWN OF SOMERS – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30pm



CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm Members present: Jim MacFeat, Jim Formica, Brad Pellissier, Howie Coro, Adam VanWingerden, and Chris Locatelli via phone. Jennifer Roy, CCEO, staff liaison. Absent: Bill Salka, Shane Maning, Dan Fraro and Pat Pio.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of officers: Jim MacFeat nominates Jim Formica for Chair and Brad Pellissier for Vice Chair. Howie Coro seconded, all in favor. Adam VanWingerden nominates Chris Locatelli as Secretary, Brad Pellissier seconded, all in favor.
2. 2026 Meeting schedule: Adam VanWingerden made a motion to hold regular Planning and Zoning Commission meetings on the second Thursday of each month, at 6:00pm. Brad Pellissier seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Conservation/Wetlands representative: Adam VanWingerden made a motion to table discussion to the next meeting as several members are absent. Jim MacFeat seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Application #PZC26-001: Worthington Vinyard, 359 Mountain Road, Somers; for a Site Plan modification.

Jennifer Roy advised the commission about recent settlement agreement, that stipulates only site plan approval will be needed for this, and no modification needed for the Special Use Permit. The commission can choose to hold a public hearing or not for site plan modifications. A brief discussion was held.

Jay Ussery from JR Russo and Associates presented a site plan to the commission for the construction of a larger event and storage building on the property. A brief presentation was provided.

Adam VanWingerden made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:00pm. Brad Pellissier seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES: Approval of Planning Commission 12/11/2025 Brad Pellissier made a motion to approve the minutes, Adam VanWingerden seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Approval of Zoning Commission 12/1/2025 Howie Coro made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris Locatelli seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Roy