

Starks Planning Board Minutes December 3, 2025

Present: Gwen Hilton, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, Joe Hartigan, Tiffany Bellefleur, Edward Hebert

Chair Gwen Hilton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and determined that adequate public notice was given of the meeting, a quorum was present, and no conflicts of interest nor bias were reported. The meeting agenda was approved, and public comments were invited.

Old Business:

The minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

New Business:

General Information

The Town has been advised that any complaints/issues with town roads must now be addressed directly to the Selectboard rather than to the County Commissioner, with appeals addressed to the Board of Appeals.

Moratorium Ordinance on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

The final draft of the proposed BESS Moratorium was reviewed.

Upon a motion and a second to approve the Ordinance as presented, the motion carried.

Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance

Amendments to the Town's Subdivision Ordinance will need to be made as a result of recent Housing Legislation passed by the 132nd Legislature.

Proposed changes to the current Ordinance will bring it into compliance with the new regulations.

Upon a motion and a second to approve the amendments as presented, the motion carried.

A Public Hearing to seek community input of the proposed changes to the existing Ordinances will be held on January 7, 2026.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Nelson, Secretary