

Danbury Planning Board

January 27th, 2026

Un-Adopted

The Danbury Planning Board met on Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 in accordance with the schedule adopted and posted. John Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. John asked if anyone had a conflict of interest and hearing none, proceeded with the meeting.

Present:

John Taylor, Chair

Maggi Winn

Frances Bliss, Selectmen ex-officio

Edward Esty

Katelyn Setterlund, clerk

Not Present: Gary Donoghue, Vice Chair, Caelan Taylor -alternate, Anna Offen, clerk/alternate, Jim Phelps, Kristen McKenna

Guests: None.

The meeting minutes were reviewed from 1/13/2026. Maggi Winn made a motion to approve the minutes, Frances Bliss seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Maggi Winn raised a question from the last meeting about the subdivision application procedure and if the Board had a certain amount of time to approve or deny an application once received. John Taylor noted that is true, unless the applicant agrees to the extension.

John Taylor initiated a review of the existing Master Plan and stated that, due to the length and detail of the document, he would like to form a small working group to work through the material. Board members present agreed. John noted that the 1985 Master Plan was very well done, and the subsequent update completed in 2011 was also produced in conjunction with the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Copies of all three plans are available for any member who wishes to participate in the review committee. John explained that while the Lakes Region Planning Commission assisted with past plans, he was uncertain of the cost for additional work with the current Plan update, so the Chair at the time took on the task. John stated that some sections may need revised language or minor updates, but overall, the document remains satisfactory. He asked for volunteers to join the review group, and Frances Bliss agreed to

participate. The Master Plan working group will review the materials and propose an updated Plan for presentation at the 2/10/26 meeting.

Edward Esty raised questions regarding the electrical service for the Spear Hill Road subdivision; inquiring that Eversource prefers to place utility poles on town property rather than within the subdivision lots themselves; proposing to run the line through the North Road right-of-way to keep the infrastructure out of the traveled portion of the town road. Maggi Winn clarified that while the power company has easement rights along town roads, they would need to obtain separate easements from private property owners if poles or electrical equipment were to be placed on individual lots. Frances Bliss added that Eversource's position is based on practicality—they do not want to install or maintain poles directly on Spear Hill Road if they can instead place them along the main route of travel.

At 7:44 pm Frances Bliss made a motion to adjourn, Edward Esty seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**