

**TOWN OF SMITHVILLE
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Board member Whitmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Planning Board Members Present: Joseph Brant, Kenneth Whitmore, Joseph Warren, and Donna Marie Utter, Clerk.

Planning Board Members Absent: Robert Brooks, Marie Kehl

Others in Attendance: Greg McGowan

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by Board member Brant to approve the December 3, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Board member Warren. All members voted "Aye", motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

McGowan Site Plan Review – Greg McGowan was present and was requesting a Site Plan Review to place a single or double-wide trailer on property he purchased on Ridge Road. There is an existing pad, well and septic on the 1 acre parcel. A Site Plan Review was previously completed and approved for placement of a trailer on the existing pad by the previous owner, however it was never completed. Due to the previous review and approval, it was determined that another Site Plan Review at this time is not necessary. Mr. McGowan was given a Building Permit and told to fill it out and return it to the Town Clerk. The Code Enforcement Officer would then inspect the current septic located on the property to see if it is sufficient.

Site Plan Law Review – The Board will review the current Site Plan Law for any needed changes or updates at their next meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Renewable Energy & Battery Energy Storage Systems Law – The Clerk is continuing to compile the new proposed laws for the board to review and the completed law will be given to the Board for their review at the March 2026 meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Board member Whitmore, seconded by Board member Brant to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.