

Starks Planning Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2026

Present: Gwen Hilton, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, Tiffany Bellefleur, Phil Cole

Absent: Joe Hartigan, Ed Hebert (alt)

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

Old Business: The minutes of the June 3, 2026, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Draft of Floodplain Ordinance

The DEP approved the draft of Starks Floodplain Ordinance which Gwen submitted for their review. Final approval rests with the Select Board before going to the voters.

New Business:

Site Plan Review Ordinance: BESS and Data Center Storage Facilities

Gwen presented a detailed draft of proposed amendments to Starks' Site Plan Review Ordinance that address any future permit applications for large-scale Battery Energy Storage Facilities and/or Data Center Facilities. Although some key points and details still need to be addressed, significant progress was made.

The Board again expressed its great appreciation for all the work Gwen outside of meetings to research and draft ordinances.

The Board canceled its August meeting and will reconvene on September 2

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Nelson, Secretary