

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING WAS RECORDED

January 20, 2026

6:30 PM

7:30 PM

Board members Keisha Garnett, Bryan Bizer, Carol Goode, and Jim Madgey were in attendance. DJ Hewey was unable to attend. Guy Lehouillier also attended the meeting.

The Board opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Board approved the meeting minutes from November 19, 2025.

Address anyone present: Guy Lehouillier

Guy Lehouillier – CEO Concern Regarding Expansion of Business – Guy advised the Planning Board that at Heath Roger’s garage there is a storage container right along the road. According to the ordinance the structure should be 50 feet away from the front property line. Guy questioned if the storage unit would be considered an accessory structure. The Planning Board discussed that anything constructed or erected would be considered a structure. This structure will need to adhere to the setback conditions set forth in the ordinance. Guy also questioned the Board if the wording within the ordinance should be changed, allowing shorter set back requirements. Guy plans to visit the business owner and see what he is using the container for and how long he plans to have it.

Guy Lehouillier - Legislation Changes - Guy informed the Planning Board that there have been some legislative changes that have gone into effect and will need to be adopted by the Town by July 1, 2027. These are LD1829 which changes the subdivision law and gives more latitude for people to put in housing, LD997 and LD 427 allows for residential units in commercial zoning units. The Board felt that the LD997 would not apply in Hiram. Lastly, LD1184 is a yearly report that needs to be done which would be more for Marylou and Lisa to complete than the Planning Board.

Guy Lehouillier – Permit Fee Schedule – Guy presented to the Board the proposal of updating the permit fee schedule for 2026. Guy submitted to the Board to review the permit fee schedule for Naples. The Board asked to have the surrounding town’s permit fee schedule pulled out for comparison. They also requested that Guy add in his notes on which items he would like to have changed. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Keisha made note that Carol Goode’s Planning Board member status will expire in March of 2026. Carol will renew it at that time.

Set Meeting Dates / Times for 2026 – The Planning Board set the following meeting and workshop dates for 2026:

Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Workshop
Monday, March 23, 2026	Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2026	Workshop
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lisa Fox*