



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
July 28, 2022**

Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair,
3 Kelvin Barton at 6:32 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Robert Bartel, Kelvin Barton, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson,
6 Dominic Mocerì, Scott Van Dalen

7 **Absent:** Kimberley Lund, Julie Jefferson

8 **Staff Present:** Matt Aamot, Craig Ostrom, Steve Roberge, Royce Buckingham, and
9 Tammy Axlund

10 **Department Update**

11 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), noted
12 that, depending on how things go tonight, the August 11th meeting could be cancelled.
13 In September we will talk about Buildable Lands. The watershed amendments
14 recommended by the Planning Commission will come before County Council in
15 September. Bellingham is presenting a proposal for a wetland bank to Council on
16 August 9th. Because portions of the bank are in the County, permits will be needed
17 from the County.

18 **Open Session Public Comment**

19 The following individuals provided public comment:

Tim Holland

Nilo Camden

Martin Driscoll

Kevin Bardosh

Jana Feldberg

Elizabeth Ruff

Dianne Foster

Danica Thiesen

Gerry Rea

Steven Kersey

Lori Hill

20 **Commissioner Comments**

21 Commissioner Deshmane apologized for his late arrival and stated that he did arrive in
22 time to hear public comment

23 Commissioner Hansen reported that he had communication with Mr. Bardosh regarding
24 tonight's topic and he will have comments on tonight's item.

25 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

26 **Timestamp: 39:01**

27 **Commissioner Bartel moved** to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2022.

28 **Commissioner Mocerì seconded.**

29 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Hansen, Jackson, Van Dalen; Abstain-Bartel,**
30 **Deshmane, Mocerì; (Ayes-4; Nays-0; Abstain-3). The motion carried.**

31 **Work Session: Proposed amendments to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 20.13,**
32 **WCC 20.82, WCC 20.83, WCC 20.97, and WCC 22.05 relating to personal**
33 **wireless service facilities**

34 **Timestamp: 40:30**



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- 1 Matt Aamot, PDS Senior Planner, gave a brief overview of modifications to the
2 amendments since they were originally provided in the June 23rd agenda packet.
- 3 The Commissioners discussed the matter with Matt Aamot; Craig Ostrom, PDS Current
4 Planner; Royce Buckingham, Whatcom County Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor; and
5 Steve Roberge.
- 6 Commissioner Deshmane will work with staff, community members who provided
7 comments on this item, and possibly other Commissioners to create a redline version
8 of wireless code amendments and bring it back for discussion at an upcoming meeting.
9 Commissioner Bartel indicated interest in participating in this group. Since the turn
10 around to get this in the August 11th agenda packet is too tight, discussion focused on
11 adding it to the agenda for the first meeting in September. Materials for the agenda
12 packet need to be submitted to Tammy by 9:30 a.m. on August 30th.
- 13 After a suggestion to ask Council to prioritize moving to fiber optics, Commissioners
14 were encouraged to directly email Council Members Galloway or Frazey to include this
15 in the Comprehensive Plan Resolution that is before Council.
- 16 **Timestamp: 1:37:38**
- 17 Commissioners decided by consensus to table further discussion until the first meeting
18 in September.

19 **Adjournment**

- 20 The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
21 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

22 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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Kelvin Barton, Chair



Tammy Axlund, Secretary