

Brandon Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026

Board Members Present:

Jack Schneider, Natalie Steen, Neil Silins, Lisa Peluso, Sara Stevens

Others present: Larry Stevens (ZA)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Jack Schneider – Chair.

2. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Neil Silins and seconded by Natalie Steen to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve or Amend Minutes from December 2, 2025, meeting

A motion was made by Neil Silins and seconded by Natalie Steen to approve the December 2nd meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Participation and Comment

There were no members of the public present.

5. Zoning Administrator's report

The Zoning Administrator provided an update that the town's permitting computer process is currently offline, and he has temporarily reverted back to paper applications.

6. Brandon Workbook status

Neil Silins reported the Workbook committee will reconvene 1/7/26 to discuss whether the project has funding to proceed.

7. Rental Housing Ordinance review for short-term rentals

A discussion was held regarding whether there should be separate Rental Housing and Short-Term Rental ordinances. The Commissioners agreed to review VLCT's model STR ordinance to determine if the PC should recommend adding this ordinance to the Select Board. The current housing ordinance will also require some updating as it was last reviewed in 1999. Both ordinances would need to go through a public review process.

8. BLUO definition updates

The Chair is keeping a list of potential (minor) modifications to the land use ordinance for any future revision.

9. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Planning Commission will hold its next meeting on February 2, 2026

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Natalie Steen and seconded by Sara Stevens to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider

Chair