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Meeting Minutes

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Planning Commission

September 9, 2026

Shaftsbury Town Offices and teleconference

Attendees: Planning Commission: Tim Scoggins, Pracilla Sachs, Sarah Costin, Mike Albus, Kenneth Crawford (teleconference); Zoning Administrator Carlyn Mickle;

Public: Art Whitman, Kathy Whitman, Rachel Blumenthal

The chair, Tim Scoggins, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Approval of minutes was postponed as minutes for August 12 had not been circulated.

Scoggins opened the hearing on bylaws at 6:04 pm.

Scoggins summarized the four proposed bylaws changes on building height, home occupations, the keeping of poultry in village districts, and short term rentals (STRs).

Art Whitman objected to the \$150 annual fee for STRs and to having to supply the Short Term Rental Safety, Health and Financial Obligations checklist each year. Kathy Whitman and Rachel Blumenthal agreed with his objections.

Scoggins closed the hearing at 6:55 pm.

The commissioners discussed the objections to the STR ordinance and agreed to change the annual fee \$50, reduced to \$25 if the applicant agreed to be listed in the town's business directory. (This fee is in line with that for home occupations.) The commissioners agreed it was necessary to regulate STRs and they did not feel that supplying the checklist annually was burdensome.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.