

**Townshend Planning Commission**  
**Special Meeting -Town Plan Review**  
**Minutes**  
**July 1, 2025**

**Present:** Bob DeSiervo, Rick Matschke, Liza Martin and Andrew Snelling.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair DeSiervo called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. **Additions and Deletions:** none

3. **Members of the Public:** none

4. **Old Business:** Town Plan Review: The Commission continued their review of the draft Town Plan by realigning the solar and wind energy policies to better apply to each respective energy source. The setbacks for residential solar arrays were expanded.

They continued to work through the balance of the Energy chapter, The section on Energy Equity and Energy Burden was condensed and the difference in the national and state definitions noted.

Minor modifications were made to the Housing section reflecting that overall growth was very slow and that census data on decreasing number of housing units didn't comport with local observations. It was discussed that the Townshend population is on average only growing by 6 people per year, so it will only take a small increase in housing to accommodate current rate of population growth.

The Economy, Compatibility with Adjacent Towns and Regional Plan, and Response to State Planning Goals section were all reviewed with minor edits and changes.

The editing was completed and the document can be forwarded to WRC for final proofing.

5. **New Business:** none

**Meeting Schedule:** Regular Meeting: July 9, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m..  
Regular Meeting: July 23, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** The Chair seeing no further business to come before the Commission called the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Snelling