



## *Williamsburg Planning Board*

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### Minutes for meeting on **December 4, 2023**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Tariq Abu-Jaber	X		Jean O'Neil	X	
Chris Flory	X		Eric Schmitt	X [R]	
Holly Hendricks	X		Steve Smith	X	
<b>Other attendees:</b> Ken Comia (PVPC); Patrick Sumner; [R] = Remote					

At 7:08 pm Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

The board discussed the first Comprehensive Plan public session, which was held on the prior Thursday. Ken Comia shared that there were 62 sign-ins to the attendance sheet, and that the top feedback item was sustainability (solar, trees, pollinator gardens). Open space, flood control and vibrant village centers were also identified as important feedback themes. “Stop doing” feedback included building on flood plain, and using fossil fuels.

Board members shared anecdotal impressions of the session. Of note was the volume and diversity of public input, and level of engagement.

Chair Smith suggested a Land Use education session may be worthwhile.

The board discussed how to expand participation to additional town residents.

O'Neil suggested a Comprehensive Planning FAQ.

The board discussed featuring the Comprehensive Plan more prominently on the town website.

Comia raised the topic of the DLTA funding window.

The board agreed that the Dunphy school is a great choice of venue for future sessions, Abu Jaber will pursue scheduling. Schmitt to follow up on child care.



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The board discussed adjustments to topics, sequencing and calendar for the remaining sessions.

Minutes review and vote:

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Motion to Accept</b>	<b>Motion to Accept as Amended</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote Yea - Nay</b>
11/6/2023	Meeting minutes		Abu-Jaber	O'Neil	5-0 (Flory abstains)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2nd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Schmitt