



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
July 27, 2023**

Regular Meeting

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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 6:33 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Daniel Dahlquist, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson, Julie  
6 Jefferson, Kimberley Lund, Dominic Mocerì

7 **Absent:** Atul Deshmane, Stephen Jackson, Scott Van Dalen

8 **Staff Present:** Cliff Strong and Tammy Axlund

9 **Department Update**

10 Cliff Strong, Senior Planner of Planning and Development Services (PDS), noted that  
11 Council adopted the proposed amendments to the Wind Energy Systems and phase 1  
12 of the vacation rental regulations. A Request for Proposals was issued for a consultant  
13 to assist with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. We hope to hire a consultant by the end  
14 of September.

15 **Open Session Public Comment**

16 Dick Malsbary provided public comment on the Cherry Point shoreline public access  
17 issue.

18 **Commissioner Comments**

19 Commissioner Hansen responded to Mr. Malsbary and suggested next steps to address  
20 his concerns.

21 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

22 **Timestamp: 10:42**

23 **Commissioner Mocerì moved** to approve the meeting minutes from June 22, 2023.

24 **Commissioner Dahlquist seconded.**

25 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Hansen, Mocerì; Abstain-Jefferson,**  
26 **Lund (Ayes-4; Nays-0; Abstain-2). The motion carried.**

27 **Discussion and action on docket Item #PLN2022-00005 regarding the**  
28 **provision of public access to the shorelines of Cherry Point**

29 **Timestamp: 11:33**

30 Cliff Strong, PDS Senior Planner, provided background information on the topic and  
31 development of the white paper, then responded to Commissioner questions.

32 **Timestamp: 20:03**

33 **Commissioner Lund moved** to accept staff's recommendation that County Council  
34 remove PLN2022-00005 from the docket with no action taken.

35 **Commissioner Mocerì seconded.**

36 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Hansen, Jefferson, Lund, Mocerì;**  
37 **(Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**



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1 **Adjournment**

2 The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

3 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

4 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

5 *Kelvin Barton*  
6 Kelvin Barton, Chair

*Tammy Axlund*  
Tammy Axlund, Secretary