

**TOWN OF WILTON
CODE & ZONING REVISION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2026**

Present: Connor Rohan, John Herlihy, Ryan Ryper, Matt Reals, Chris Ramsdill, Eric Koglin, Jim Deloria

Absent: Doug Logan, Laura Lourenco, Megan Brenenstuh

Discussion Topics:

- No members of the public signed up for public comment. Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.
- Revised draft amendment to Chapter 107 (Sidewalks, Multi-Use Paths, and Trails) reviewed:
 - Draft now distinguishes three facility types: sidewalks, multi-use paths, and trails. Committee emphasizes that maintenance responsibility and liability be clearly stated for each, as these are the primary concerns of residents
 - Liability and insurance considerations for abutting owners discussed, including existing state recreational-use liability protections and the likelihood that litigants will name multiple parties regardless of code language
 - Multi-use path definition revised to rely on designation (through site plan, subdivision, or other development approval, or by Town Board resolution) rather than surface material; trail defined as a recreational route that is neither a sidewalk nor a multi-use path, paved or unpaved
 - Class 1 and Class 2 e-bike use on multi-use paths discussed, including state signage requirements
 - “Responsible party” to apply to whichever party is designated, including abutting owners or HOAs for sidewalks; Town responsible only where so designated
 - Approval-authority language in the general provisions to be removed as addressed by easement terms and permits from the authority having jurisdiction
 - Snow-deposit provisions to be separated between sidewalks and seasonal multi-use paths and trails; “adjacent” to be replaced with “abutting” for consistency
 - Existing sidewalk liability standard discussed as a policy question; committee inclined to retain current language
 - Street lighting section removed; lighting for paths left to Planning Board discretion at site plan review
 - Multi-use path design standards retained; trail design subject to Planning Board approval when required as a condition of development, or to the town engineer when constructed by the Town; Town maintenance disclaimer for trails to be relocated to the trails section
 - Owner-caused damage provision: “substantial” to be removed, leaving the determination to the Code Enforcement Officer; cost-collection language to be reviewed
 - Multi-use path maintenance allocation reviewed: responsible party, scope, and winter-use status to be established in the development approval and recorded; flexibility in scope retained
 - Chair to reorganize the draft into distinct sections for each facility type, prioritizing clarity over brevity, and return a revised draft

Next meeting to be held: Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM, Wilton Town Hall.