

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

11:25 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Ben Elenbaas
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Committee Chair Jon Scanlon called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Jon Scanlon, Mark Stremmler, and Ben Elenbaas

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-139](#) Discussion of a proposed resolution vacating a portion of Camp 2 Road

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and stated staff is recommending that the portion of road be vacated. He answered whether the house, shown on the engineer's report, is already there, and stated the house has been there for a while, but it may not show up on the County's parcel viewer.

Councilmembers discussed the property and that this will require a public hearing.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.
2. [AB2025-148](#) Discussion of ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code 24.05, Onsite Sewage System Regulations

Hayli Hruza, Health and Community Services, read from a presentation (on file) on a timeline of how they got to this point and a summary of the major changes to the code in this ordinance.

She and Councilmembers discussed that there are three deadlines for new State rules to go into effect, that it is the Public Works Department (along with a conglomerate of a lot of different entities) that runs the pollution identification and control program, whether any of the proposed changes make things less costly for the homeowner or make housing more affordable, that there are statewide programs available for low income households to help with some of the changes, and whether this item should have a public hearing even though it is not required.

This agenda item was PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Jon Scanlon-via email 2/24/2025

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Jon Scanlon, Committee Chair

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