

CITY OF ITHACA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 @ 5:00pm

The regular meeting of the Ithaca Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Teal at 5:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Chair Richard Teal, Commissioners Meghan Downham and Mayor Brett Baublitz

Absent: Commissioners George Bailey and Mary Beth Mates

Staff Present: City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron

Audience Present: Robert & Nancy Smith

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Regular Meeting held April 14, 2026. Commissioner Downham offered a correction to the minutes that no audience was present.

Moved by Baublitz, second by Downham to approve the minutes, as amended, of the regular meeting held April 14, 2026. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chair Teal asked for any public comments. There was none.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Manager Conn presented a special use permit review for Robert Smith located at 734 E Arcada Street. The proposed plan is for a 12'x16' sq.ft. accessory building. There is an existing 20'x60' sq.ft. accessory building on the property. A variance would be necessary for the 528 additional total accessory building square footage. The owner recently purchased the lot next to him and combined them together, essentially doubling the size of the property. Discussion was held.

Moved by Baublitz, second by Downham to approve the special use permit/variance for an accessory building at 734 E Arcada Street. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chair Teal asked for any public comments. There was none.

Moved by Baublitz, second by Downham to adjourn the meeting at 5:07pm. Motion carried.

Approved June 9, 2026

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk