



**Town Council
Monday, June 15, 2026
4:00 PM**

Regular Meeting
130 Kearns Road
Town Council Chambers
Snowmass Village, CO 81615

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Snowmass Village Town Council was called to order at 4:01 PM on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 130 Kearns Road, Town Council Chambers, Snowmass Village, CO 81615.

A complete live recording of this meeting can be found at www.tosv.com under Town Council Meetings. This meeting will be archived indefinitely, allowing you to view it at anytime.

2. Roll Call

Council Members present: Tom Fridstein, Britta Gustafson, Susan Marolt and Alyssa Shenk.

Council Member absent: Cecily DeAngelo.

Staff Present: Clint Kinney, Town Manager; Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney; Rick Carroll, Communications Specialist; Sam Guarino, Transportation Director; and Theresa Cook, Office Manager & Court Clerk.

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3. Proclamations and Presentations

3.A. An Update and Discussion with Aspen One

Dave Tanner (President & CEO, Aspen One), Geoff Buchheister (CEO, Aspen Skiing Company), and Chris Miller (SVP of Sustainability, Aspen One) presented an overview of Aspen One's history, current business challenges, and future partnership needs.

The presentation highlighted Aspen One's significant community and economic contributions, including 28% of Pitkin County jobs, \$2 billion in total economic impact, \$55 million in lodging and sales tax, and over \$103 million in capital improvements at Snowmass since 2020. Six key challenges were identified: a flat and consolidating ski industry, an affordability spiral, pricing exhaustion and reinvestment risk, workforce housing shortages, traffic congestion, and climate-driven seasonal volatility. Skier visits were down 21.5% this season, the steepest single-year decline in company history.

The Aspen One representatives outlined their business evolution, including expansion of the Limelight and Little Nell hospitality brands and the Aspen Collection, framing outside-valley growth as the mechanism to fund continued reinvestment in the core Snowmass and Aspen ski operations.

Council discussion centered on several themes. Members acknowledged that the challenges of housing, affordability, and traffic are shared by the Town itself. Council expressed concern that community sentiment toward Ski Co has declined over the years, citing the inaccessibility of TreeHouse childcare for local families, the loss of Gwen's restaurant, and a general perception that the ski company feels less locally rooted. Members specifically requested more community goodwill gestures and suggested exploring partnership with the Town's Thrive Snowmass initiative. The Aspen One team acknowledged these concerns and committed to greater transparency, renewed community engagement, and exploring local-access programs.

4. Public Comment

This section is set aside for the Town Council to LISTEN to comments by the public regarding items that do not otherwise appear on this agenda. Generally, the Town Council will not discuss the issue and will not take an official action under this section of the agenda. (Five Minute Time Limit)

None.

5. Consent Agenda

These are items where all conditions or requirements have been agreed to or met prior to the time they come before the Council for final action. A Single Public Hearing will be opened for all items on the Consent Agenda. These items will be approved by a single motion of the Council. The Mayor will ask if there is anyone present who has objection to such procedure as to certain items. Members of the Council may also ask that an item be removed from the consent section and fully discussed. All items not removed from the consent section will then be approved. A member of the Council may vote no on specific items without asking that they be removed from the consent section for full discussion. Any item that is removed from the consent agenda will be placed on the regular agenda.

Draft Agenda -
TF BG Passed

5.A. 2026 Draft Agendas

Brief discussion to change the August work session to a regular meeting to accommodate an executive session.

5.B. Ordinance 12-2026 1st Reading. An Ordinance to Adjust Council Compensation by adding the Recreation Wellness Benefit for Council Members

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda including Ordinance No. 12, 2026 on first reading was made by Council Member Fridstein and seconded by Council Member Gustafson. Four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Council Member DeAngelo was absent.

6. Public Hearings - Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Public Hearings are the formal opportunity for the Town Council to LISTEN to the public regarding the issue at hand. For land use hearings the Council is required to act in a quasi-judicial capacity. When acting as a quasi-judicial body, the Council is acting in much the same capacity as a judge would act in a court of law. Under these circumstances, the judicial or quasi-judicial must limit its consideration to matters which are placed into evidence and are part of the public record. The Council must base their decision on the law and the evidence presented at the hearing.

7. Policy/Legislative Public Hearings

8. Administrative Reports

8.A. A Discussion Regarding a Proposed Ordinance Regulating Gas Powered Leaf Blower

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin presented a revised draft ordinance based on direction and public feedback from the prior meeting. The updated proposal would prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within town limits from June 15 through September 15 of each year, beginning in 2029. The restriction would apply uniformly to commercial operators, private residents, and the Town itself, eliminating the previously proposed tiered compliance timeline.

Attorney Conklin noted that commercial operators present at the prior meeting, as well as ordinance proponent John Wilkinson, expressed support for this compromise approach. The summer-only restriction was designed to accommodate the demands of heavy, wet leaf removal in the shoulder seasons while advancing the Town's sustainability goals.

Council expressed broad support for the compromise. Members suggested accompanying communications to inform residents of available rebate programs through Holy Cross and CORE Electric, and explored the possibility of a community equipment swap or drop-off event to facilitate transition. Discussion also addressed whether health impacts from particulate matter differed between gas and electric blowers, and whether time-of-day restrictions might be warranted as a complementary measure.

Chad Simon, a local commercial operator, and John Wilkinson both addressed the Council, affirming their support for the proposal and noting that evolving battery technology is making electric blowers increasingly viable.

Council directed staff to revise the defined term from "gas powered lawn equipment" to "gas powered lawn and leaf blowers" for clarity, and to bring the ordinance back for a formal first reading at the July meeting.

8.B. Discussion, Review, and Further Direction from Town Council Regarding the 1st Phase Improvements for the Mall Transit Center Proposed 2027 Project

Transportation Director Sam Guarino and consultant Alex Jauch (SEH, appearing remotely) presented a refined Phase 1 improvement plan for the Mall Transit Center. The proposed scope included replacing the existing split staircase from Lot 6 with a single staircase connected by a crosswalk, flattening the mall surface to the level of the RAFTA depot, reconfiguring the bus curb into sawtooth bays to allow independent bus operations, and installing modular relocatable public restrooms. Two options were presented: Option A, retaining and re-roofing the existing 1960s shelter structure, and Option B, replacing the shelter with a new structure including a guest services or break room facility.

Council discussion reflected significant concern over community construction fatigue. A Council member noted that the mall is currently the one area of the village free from active construction, and that small business owners are anxious about additional disruption. Council members acknowledged that the safety and accessibility improvements are legitimate needs—particularly the bus boarding hazard, the grade change in the mall, and the absence of proximate public restrooms—but some questioned whether the timing and scope were appropriate given ongoing construction at the roundabout, Little Red Schoolhouse, and Base Village.

There was consensus to recommend Option A—the simpler, lower-cost approach retaining the existing shelter with a fire-rated re-roofing—rather than Option B. Council directed staff to organize a roundtable with key stakeholders prior to any formal budget commitment. Identified participants include representatives from Ski Co, RAFTA, the Romero Group/Viewline, Pokolodi Lodge, and other small business owners on the mall. The roundtable would present both the modest Phase 1 option and the longer-term two-level transit center concept, and solicit feedback on timing and community appetite. Formal approval would occur through the budget process in the fall.

9. Town Council Reports and Actions

Reports and Updates

Councilmember Gustafson reported attending the Snowmass Tourism Board meeting. Key topics included planning for the upcoming airport closure and strategies to fill the resulting transportation void, including potential shuttle coordination at the Brush Creek Park and Ride. The board is also reviewing the effectiveness of the visitor spending metrics system and whether continued investment is warranted if other mountain resort communities reduce their participation. She also noted that the opening weekend summer festival on Fanny Hill was well attended, community-spirited, and reflective of

the town's destination management plan goals.

Mayor Shenk reported attending the RAFTA Board meeting, now being held in Glenwood Springs. RAFTA is launching a 24-month master planning process to create a 20-year transportation roadmap, including three rounds of community engagement and a peer assessment of other communities. RAFTA has also agreed to maintain hogback community service for the next two years while performance milestones are established toward a longer-term solution. She also noted RAFTA's new Rio Grande Trail Safety Task Force, which is addressing conflicts between e-bikes, e-motorcycles, and other trail users, with a community education campaign launching this summer. Mayor Shenk also reported attending the NWCCOG meeting in Silverthorne, noting an upcoming retreat at the Hoffman Hotel in Basalt focused on organizational priorities. She noted progress on the Brush Creek roundabout construction, with new road sections now open to traffic.

Council was reminded of the Little Red Schoolhouse groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, at 11:00 AM, and the Town Rodeo Night also scheduled for Wednesday evening.

Council acknowledged the recent memorial service for former Mayor Marchita (Markey) Butler, expressing appreciation for the community spirit demonstrated at the event and Markey's legacy in SMV.

10. Adjournment

Council Member Fridstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Marolt seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 6:51 PM.

The Snowmass Village Town Council approved this set of meeting minutes at their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Submitted By,

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk