

TOWN OF WATERBORO
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2021
6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: David Christensen, Vice-Chair (ZOOM) Debra Burrows (ZOOM) Lori Anthony (In Person)
Michael Provencher (In Person) Devin Chamberlain (In Person)

Absent: Diane Gray Edward Zelmanow

Others: Angela Chute David Lowe Dennis Abbott (ZOOM) Gary Lamb (ZOOM)
Lee Jay Feldman (ZOOM) John Wilkinson Cindy Dumond
Jason Omeara (ZOOM) Kevin Wright (ZOOM) Keith Shaughnessy (ZOOM)
Amy Brickett (ZOOM)

Lori stated a quorum was met with members present and the meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

II. MINUTES

III. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

➤ AES – Solar Ordinance Public Hearing

Lori Anthony declared the public hearing open at 6:35 opening the floor for public input regarding the Alternative Energy Source Solar Ordinance.

Jason Omeara – Requested information about when the public was notified regarding the new solar arrays here in town and where the environmental impacts considered. He felt there should have been a moratorium placed on these projects and that they need to slow things down that the town is moving too fast on these projects under the darkness of the pandemic and that the public wasn't involved and that we were using a crisis to insert a new agenda. He stated that they were more clear definitions needed in the ordinance.

Lee Jay Feldman gave background on the projects that they are 5 megawatts or smaller and 20 acres in size and that many communities weren't prepared for all these projects. Waterboro would be ahead of the curve with the new ordinance.

Lori Anthony explained copies of all meeting can be obtained by request, also available online, and meetings are all live streamed, agendas posted, no hidden agendas.

Kevin Wright stated he is an abutter to the McLucas Road solar project. He feels the road construction for this project within the array will be devastating to the wetland areas and the vernal pools. He was assured that DEP was involved and setbacks from those locations will be maintained. Kevin went on to state he appreciates the ordinance and mentioned forethought on wind turbines.

Devin Chamberlain explained that he was an abutter to a previously approved project and was never soft spoken about the projects.

No further discussion or public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:18pm

Board discussion followed regarding whether they wanted to continue to workshop the ordinance or move it up to the Selectmen's level.

David Christensen made a motion to move the Solar Ordinance to the Selectmen for review. Devin Chamberlain second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: David Christensen – yes	Debra Burrows – yes
Michael Provencher – yes	Lori Anthony – yes
Devin Chamberlain - yes	
Vote: 5-0, motion passes	

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Ivory Hills Subdivision – Cindy Dumond & John Wilkinson on behalf of Regina & Ivory Libby
John explained that the previously requested waiver regarding the “large historical tree” is being withdrawn, that it will be removed in coordination with the Department of Public Works. Updates as requested from the previous meeting have been made to the plans.

David Christensen made a motion to find the application complete and schedule the public hearing for May 19, 2021 at 6:30. Devin Chamberlain second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: David Christensen – yes	Debra Burrows – yes
Michael Provencher – yes	Lori Anthony – yes
Devin Chamberlain - yes	
Vote: 5-0, motion passes	

V. COMMUNICATION

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Michael Provencher made the motion to adjourn. Devin Chamberlain second the motion. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: David Christensen – yes	Debra Burrows – yes
Michael Provencher – yes	Lori Anthony – yes
Devin Chamberlain - yes	
Vote: 5-0, motion passes	

VII. ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE