

Planning Board Meeting
June 3, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge Planning Board duly called Thursday, June 3, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

The following were present: Eric Pearson, Dorothy Yurschak, Ron Ford, Scott Clark and Heather Greenawalt Secretary

Absent: Kathleen Quinn

Approving of the minutes

Dorothy Yurschak motioned, seconded by Ron Ford to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2021 Planning Board meeting, with one correction the next meeting is not July 1st. It is June 3rd.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Henry DeMoy was not at the meeting. He was proposing a boundary line adjustment at 1347 King Rd. of his two parcels. Tax map#263.-2-28 (6.1 acres) and Tax map #263.-2-1 (52.7 acres). He will possibly be at next meeting.

Solar

There was a short discussion on Solar. They discussed the topics already covered in the previous meetings of the Town Board and the Planning Board. It was decided that Eric Pearson the Chair and Scott Clark the Vice Chair would go to the Town Board Meeting on Monday, June 14 and discuss possible options for a Site Plan for Solar.

Discussion of the list of Planning Board Suggestions for the Solar Law:

They mentioned the concern of having a **Bond for Decommissioning** in the Solar Law– this would help in the future after 20 – 25 years when the array is to be torn down at the end of its life and disposed of. The **Glare restriction** was not as big of a concern. In fact, Scott Clark said that he was not even sure a restriction could be put in place for Glare. The Glare restriction is not as concerning because it is not reflecting light, it is collecting it.

If a Solar Law was created then the trigger for the SEQR would be: anything that would be over the net metering, would trigger a Site Plan Review for a SEQRA- for an evaluation of the project. Then this evaluation would address any concerns that the Planning Board might have in regards to soil erosion, which would cover environmental or watershed impacts. At this time in the review process, it will be addressed whether there is a Decommissioning Plan and Restoration Plan (Plan to restore the land to what it was prior to the project) in place for the future.

It was the Planning Boards hopes to advise the land owner on what they should have in place when doing a solar project. The Planning Board does not want to regulate what the land owner can do with their land or put restrictions on their land.

The Planning Board members did mention they are not interested in going above and beyond Site Plan Review. The main concern now is to create Solar Law with Site Plan Review.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be July 1, 2021.

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There being no further business before the Planning Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town of Cambridge/Planning Board Secretary