

Planning Board Meeting
February 4, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge Planning Board duly called Thursday, February 4, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Approving Minutes

Ron Ford motioned, seconded by Scott Clark to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Planning Board welcomed new member Dorothy Yurschak.

Election of Officers

Scott Clark nominated Eric Pearson as the Chair for the Town of Cambridge Planning Board and Ron Ford Seconded.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Eric Pearson nominated Scott Clark as Vice Chair for the Town of Cambridge Planning Board and Ron Ford seconded.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Election of Officers Eric Pearson Chairman, Scott Clark Vice Chair

Solar

The Planning Board discussed Solar. Pamela Landi from the County sent information on solar and many links that could be viewed online. The Planning Board had concerns about solar farms and who manages the clean up when obsolete. The Town of Cambridge has nothing on the books right now in regards to Solar. It was asked if the Town should have a Solar Town Law or if it should be a Site Plan review. It was also mentioned that if a seeker is needed should the Town request if significant actions are required? The Planning Board also suggested that maybe the Town Attorney should be contacted or someone be contacted that has expertise in this field. The Planning Board is not referring to solar that is on the residence, they are concerned about the Solar Farms (Larger projects that are metered and selling electric to everyone else. The Planning Board discussed their concerns and would like the Secretary to pass these questions on to the Town Board:

- 1.) Can Local Town Law regulate this or do you have to pass Site Plan Review?
- 2.) Decommissioning them – money bonded upfront?
- 3.) Trigger point for production where needs regulation
- 4.) Who do they come to Planning Board or the Town Board?
- 5.) Does the County issue the permits now that we are contracting through them? What is the breakdown between the County and the Town, Layer of protection, does the County review?

The next Planning Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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There being no further business before the Planning Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Planning Board/Town of Cambridge