

Palmer Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 11, 2019

I. Call To Order

Chairman Michael Marciniac called the meeting to order at 7:01PM on Monday, February 11, 2019, in the Town Administrative Building, Planning Department Office. Present were members Norm Czech, Kathy Burns, and Tom Skowrya. Paul Burns-Johnson was absent. Also present was Town Planner, Linda Leduc, and Gillian Davis recording minutes.

III. New Business

ANR- John Morrison, Wilbraham Street

M. Marciniac went over the ANR lot division plan on Wilbraham Street with the Board.

The motion to approve the ANR plan was made by N. Czech, seconded by T. Skowrya. The motion passed (4:0).

II. Public Hearing

Solar Ordinance Work Session

L. Leduc prefaced the work session stating, she compiled all comments and suggestions from the first working session which took place on January 28, 2019.

L. Leduc then distributed packets which included existing and newly proposed language, regarding Article XXIII, Chapter 171.126 Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations.

L. Leduc asked the Board to consider not allowing solar projects within the Transfer Development Rights Sending district. She went on to state, it is a goal of the Town to preserve that area.

K. Burns stated she had no issue and supported protecting that area.

There was discussion regarding the identification of stone walls to be shown on the application plan.

M. Marciniac mentioned the extensive issues with flooding and stormwater. He said the Stormwater section will be sent to the Board's engineer for comments.

L. Leduc went through every addition and/or correction with the Board, to create the proposed final draft ordinance, to be sent to Town Council and for public hearing on February 25, 2019, at 7:30pm.

A copy of the draft ordinance can be found at the Town Hall Planning Department Office.

Chapter 171 – ECODE Updates

L. Leduc reviewed all changes and updates from both the Planning Office as well as the legal review prepared for the Town.

A motion to acknowledge receipt was made by N. Czech, seconded by T. Skowyra. The motion passed (4:0).

Town Planner Update:

L. Leduc reviewed a letter from Attorney Tom Reidy of Bacon and Wilson, with an update regarding the proposed solar project on Sykes Street.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:11pm was made by T. Skowyra, seconded by N. Czech. The motion passed (4:0).



Kathleen Burns, Clerk