



HUBBARDSTON PLANNING BOARD
Location: Slade Building

Minutes for meeting held on: October 18, 2017

Members Present: Chairman Vincent Ritchie, Thomas Bratko, Thomas Robinson, Kendall Daly. Other Attendees: Lisa Durant, Evan Watson, William Murray, Tom Durant, Michael Stauder, & many members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Vincent Ritchie, Chair

6:39pm - Vin Ritchie entertained the motion of recessing the planning board meeting in order to continue the public hearing for the citizen's petition regarding Large scale solar installations..

Motion: Tom Bratko Second: Kendall Daley All in favor.

6:40pm - Comments and concerns regarding Zoning Bylaw - Article 20 Use of large-scale solar Photovoltaic installations, Section 20.2.4 were addressed. The petitioner Lisa Durant explained how the petition was started, and voiced her concerns about the large scale solar farms being built in residential areas, and that they should be designated to certain areas in town, such as in solar overlay districts. Pros and cons of the solar overlay districts vs special permits were discussed. A number of citizens voiced concerns over future growth of solar farms in town and how they are de-commissioned appropriately. A letter addressing the citizen concerns from Zach Farkes of Borrego Solar was read. Tom Bratko asked Michael Stauder (selectman) to have the town counsel review the article before presenting to the Massachusetts Attorney General and before town meeting.

8:35pm - Vin Ritchie entertained the motion of recessing the public hearing in order to continue the planning board meeting.

Motion: Tom Bratko Second: Tom Robinson All in favor.

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Motion: Tom Bratko Second: Tom Robinson All in favor.

Discussion and update on the proposed Kataisto earth removal reclamation project. Kataisto will get a copy of necessary plans for review.

Evan Watson of Prime Engineering presented preliminary sub division plan (Form B) application for Old Westminster Road.

Discussion regarding whether or not to adopt the language of the citizen petition regarding the large solar array and the wording of the changes proposed to article 20, Section 20.2.4 .

Tom Robinson made motion to recommend that the town NOT adopt the new language proposed to article 20, Section 20.2.4 by the citizen petition.

Motion: Tom Robinson Second: Tom Bratko All in favor.

10:30pm – Tom Bratko made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Tom Bratko Second: Tom Kendall Daley All in favor.

Approved with corrections,
Vincent Ritchie, Chair

Date