



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes for meeting on **November 14, 2019**

Member	Present	Not Present	Member	Present	Not Present
Amy Bisbee	x		Eric Schmitt	x	
Chris Flory	x		Steve Smith	x	
Jean O'Neil	x		Steve Snow	x	
Others present: Joe Shanahan (representing applicant), Bob Fournier (SK Design Group)					

1. At 7:00p, Chair Bisbee called the meeting to order, concurrent with Conservation Commission
2. At 7:38p, the Conservation Commission unanimously approved a motion to issue an order with conditions re: 10 River Road solar project.
3. At 7:40p, the Conservation Commission meeting closed and the Planning Board moved downstairs to a downstairs room, where ZBA members also convened.
4. At 7:46 the Chairs Bisbee and Dudek (ZBA) reopened the hearing for the solar array at 10 River Road.
5. Various topics related to the application were discussed, including the plan for invasive species management, the stream intersection and temporary bridge, and the necessity of a review by the fire chief.
6. Chair Bisbee presented the Planning Board draft findings and conditions letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
7. At 8:07, Steve Smith move to accept findings as moved. Steve Snow seconded, and the Planning Board unanimously approved the motion.

8. At 8:08, Chris Flory motioned to close the joint meeting with the. ZBA. Steve Snow seconded, and the Planning Board unanimously approved the motion.

9. Review of minutes

Meeting Date	Comments	Motion to Accept	Motion to Accept as Amended	Second	Vote Yea - Nay
10/7/19			Flory	Smith	6-0
10/21/19	Joint meeting w/ZBA; continuation of public hearing re: 10 River Road solar project		Smith	Flory	6-0

10. Chair Bisbee and member O'Neil briefed the board on recent municipal vulnerability preparedness sessions. Topics included the Route 9 corridor, flooding, bridges, the Skinnerville flood plain and watershed management in Williamsburg and adjoining towns. Other topics included pests and heat, ice storms, storms, tree management and vulnerable residents.

11. Chair Bisbee raised the issue of revisions to the town's solar array bylaws. The board discussed potential considerations including residential (accessory) vs. commercial installations, setbacks and visual screening, slopes (and terraces), plantings under panels, invasive species, wildlife corridors, buffer strips, and a lookback period on tree cutting, forest management plan provided with the application, fire department coordination, and master page numbering on applications.

12. The board continued discussions on the topic of accessory dwelling structures. The working document was reviewed. Schmitt to update for next meeting..

13. New business: 47 Goshen Road release of land from Chapter 61a. Motion by Smith to recommend to select board that planning board has no objection to removal of 1.5 acres from 47 Goshen Road from Chapter 61a designations. Second: Snow. Board unanimously approved 6-0.

14. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM (O'Neil moved, Flory seconded, unanimous approval). The next scheduled meeting will be December 9th, 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Schmitt