

DOVER PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
July 27, 2015, Approved as Amended, August 17, 2015

Chair Mark Sarro called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Dover Town House. Also present were Board members Kate Bush, John Dougherty, Henry Faulkner, Carol Lisbon, Consulting Planner Gino Carlucci, and Planning Assistant Susan Hall.¹

1. JOINT MEETING with LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, REVIEW OF SOLAR BYLAW for GREEN COMMUNITIES

Present were Long Range Planning Committee members, Jack Donoghue, Peter Smith, Rich Forte, Sue Sheridan and interested citizen Carl Sheridan.

Mr. Donoghue presented an overview of the process of becoming a Green Community. The Long Range Planning Committee had been sent a draft bylaw to establish a permitting process for large-scale solar photovoltaic facilities and to designate the transfer station area as an eligible site. The committee's intention is to have the bylaw ready for the May 2016 Town Meeting. A second bylaw would be needed to adopt the stretch energy code. It was suggested that the Board of Selectmen should sponsor that general bylaw. Mr. Donoghue then reviewed the five criteria needed for Green Communities status.

The criteria would be as follows:

- The Solar PV Zoning Bylaw
- Expedited permitting for a solar PV facility (12 months)
- An Energy Reduction Plan
- Fuel Efficient Automobile Policy
- Stretch Code

Committee members have been assigned to work on each of the criteria.

2. TWO SIGN PERMITS, 4 WALPOLE STREET

Present was business owner Campbell Yaw. Mr. Yaw was before the Board for two signs. One being a temporary sign advertising a farmers market in Medfield at the Medfield Unitarian Church every Thursday June to September. He would like to display it every Wednesday and Thursday in front of the building at 4 Walpole Street. After

¹ Associate Board Member Jody Shue was not present due to other commitments.

discussing the details the Board determined that there was no permit necessary and it is allowed according to the Sign Bylaw.

The other sign is advertising his business in the building located at 4 Walpole Street. The sign is aluminum, measuring 30" x 46". The colors of the sign are charcoal and aluminum. It hangs on a metal bracket attached to the building. After a brief discussion the Board agreed the sign is in compliance with the Sign Bylaw and approved the permit application.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the sign application. The motion passed unanimously with five members voting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the minutes, as amended, for July 13, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with five members voting.

4. ANR NOTIFICATION POLICY

Board members discussed the possibility of notifying abutters when an ANR plan is filed. It was noted that state law requires that ANR plans must be endorsed "forthwith and without a public hearing." There is not a prohibition of notifying abutters. The pros and cons of doing so were discussed. The pros included the fact that residents would be better informed of activities in their neighborhood. Cons included creating false expectations of input when Planning Board discretion is very constrained as well as the logistical and timing issues that would be involved. It was decided that to try a test case, so that the next time an ANR plan comes in a potential process would be followed without actually executing the tasks; date of receipt would be noted in relation to the meeting date, an abutters list would be requested with a time at which it could be expected would be estimated, etc.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Hall, Planning Assistant