

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 8, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Keeler	Wes Miller
Jean Depatie	Kurt Dudley
Stephen Harling	Kirk Mathes
Dr. George McKenna (Alt.)	

EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS

Jean Peglow

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Watson (Alt.)

Dr. McKenna had to leave for an emergency at 6:34pm and arrived back at 7:44 pm. Before he left, he wanted to make his thoughts known about no setbacks on joining parcels. We could be opening a can of worms with other issues in the Town. A short conversation with having a signed lease between the properties was agreeable to Dr. McKenna.

Mr. Keeler appointed Dr. McKenna as a voting member upon his return to the meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mathes made a motion to approve the February 8th meeting minutes and February 22nd workshop minutes with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mathes and carried. (6-0)

II. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Keeler stated that he has had a conversation with AES in a possible project on his property. Nothing has been signed yet. However, he will be recusing himself on any voting concerning AES projects.

Mr. Miller was in touch with Mrs. Dale-Hall and we could be having a referral from Mr. Quill and Mrs. Sherman in the future. They will be redistributing the property differently.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Keeler and Mr. Miller have had emails on LaBella Associates and Dr. Pogue. Since the planning board itself has not been included, those emails will be forwarded to the planning board members.

The draft solar law changes were reviewed with the following changes made:

- 350-115 A discussed and remained the same
- 350-115 B would go back to the original wording
- 350-119 H f wording/verbiage changed
- 350-119 L 4 was discussed extensively
- 350-123 was modified slightly

Resolution 6-2021

Introduced by: Steve Harling
Seconded by: Kurt Dudley

To send the solar law revisions to the town board with changes included from today

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Keeler – Abstains
Mr. Miller – Aye
Mr. DePatie – Aye
Mr. Dudley – Aye
Mr. Harling – Aye
Mr. Mathes – Aye
Dr. McKenna – Aye

The Resolution passed.

Mr. Keeler will give Mrs. Preston the wording for the official referral to be included with the solar law revisions. The revisions will be presented for the Town Board’s March 10th meeting.

The Energy Storage law was discussed. We need to think about what district/districts it would be allowed in, setbacks and how we want it worded. Most felt it should be similar or comparable to the solar and wind law. A workshop has been set for March 22nd at 6:30 pm to work on the Energy Storage law. Mrs. Preston will have copies of the Model Law for everyone so they all start on the same page.

IV. COMMUNICATION

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The February meeting was cancelled.

The County did send out a training opportunity on March 29 by zoom. Mr. Miller will email the details to the members.

V. **ADJORNMENT**

Mr. Depatie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm; seconded by Mr. Harling and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk