

**TOWN OF DEERING
PLANNING BOARD**

APPROVED

Minutes

June 9, 2021 (Virtual meeting via Zoom)

Members present: Beth Kelly, Chairman; Katherine Jenkins, Vice Chairman; Sharon Simpson; John Shaw; Roy Watson, Select board member; Russ McAlister, Town Administrator

Public present: Matt Monahan, Central NH Regional Planning Commission; William DeMotta; Jaimie Harris, Granite State Solar

The meeting was opened at 7:02 pm via “Zoom”.

Agenda Item #2. Review and approval of meeting minutes from the April 14, 2021 and the May 12, 2021 meetings.

The minutes for the April 14, 2021 Planning Board meeting were reviewed. Vice Chair Katherine Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. John Shaw seconded. All in favor. So moved. The minutes for the May 12, 2021 Planning Board meeting were reviewed. John Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting. Sharon Simpson seconded. All in favor. So moved.

Agenda Item #3.1. Gary Machado, 829 Old County Road, Septic system in Watershed District.

Mr. Machado has reached out to Matt Monahan. He received an email saying he is going to redesign and wants to withdraw his application at this time. He wants to contact more contractors. He will reapply at a later date and thanked the Board and Matt for their help so far.

Agenda Item #3.2 Solar panel installation for William DeMotta, Tax Map 228-10-1, 31 Reservoir Road.

Mr. DeMotta was recognized. He introduced Jaimie Harris from Granite State Solar. She stated that they would be installing ground mounted solar trackers and asked the Board for any questions they might have about these arrays. Matt Monahan was recognized and went through the items needed to review. #1. Is the impervious surface more than 20%? Ms. Harris said it is 415.61 square feet and Matt said that is way less. #2. Does it meet the 50’ setback from the lake? Ms. Harris stated 1066 feet from the water and 113’ from the property line. #3. What about storm water runoff from the panels. Ms. Harris said there would be no pooling on the panels and there are gaps on the panels to allow the water to drain. The terrain under the array is not being changed from the grassy field-like matter it is now. The array is a square set of panels on a pole that rotates during the day depending where the sun is in the sky. Matt asked is there are any transformers. Ms. Harris replied that there are boxes on the poles for electrical components and there will be underground conduit dug to the house. There will be another electrical box on the house.

Matt Monahan asked if there was a need for a bond for this structure. Mr. DeMotta stated he did not think so because it is not leased, it is owned by the homeowner. The excess power goes back to the grid and it is saved for night time use or bad weather; then it goes back to the house for use.

Roy Watson asked if there would be any glare for any other home owners in the area? Ms. Harris replied that the panels are not reflective.

Mr. DeMotta was asked what side of his home is the set-up going? He stated in between his new home and his old home; adjacent to the apple orchard.

A motion was made by Sharon Simpson to approve the solar panel installation for William DeMotta, Tax Map 228-10-1, 31 Reservoir Road pending building permit and electrical permit. Seconded by Roy Watson. Ayes have it. So moved.

Jaimie Harris was thanked for her time and left the meeting virtually.

Matt Monahan wanted to speak about how the Board proceeds with the Health Ordinance wording. Chair Kelly thought the Board could discuss at the regular Board meeting in July about having outreach meetings in August.

Russ McAllister was recognized and explained why the septic portion was taken out of the regular Ordinances and now put into a Health Ordinance. Vice Chair Katherine Jenkins felt that a cross reference should be put in the regular ordinances to point people to where the septic information is now-in the new Health Ordinance. Matt agreed with that.

Election of Officers. (Added to Agenda at the meeting)

Sharon Simpson made a motion to elect Beth Kelly as Chairman for the coming year. Katherine Jenkins seconded. All in favor. So moved.

Beth Kelly made a motion to elect Katherine Jenkins as Vice Chairman. John Shaw seconded. All in favor. So moved.

Chair Kelly stated that this would be the Board's last Zoom meeting. Regular meetings will resume at the Town Hall on July 14, 2021 at 7:00pm. Sharon Simpson asked if Matt would be able to attend in person. He hopes to, but sometimes it is impossible to work around his duties and be in two places at the same time. Zoom meetings has made that a little easier for him.

Having no more business before the Board, Sharon Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Shaw seconded. All in favor. The "Zoom" meeting was disconnected at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Winters
Planning Board Clerk