

**WARREN PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF December 16 2019**

PRESENT: Mr. Derick Veliz Chairmen; Mr. David Dufresne Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Susan Libby; Mr. Gary Norton; Mrs. Drue King

Absent: All Present

ATTENDEE: See List

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

ANR-Cronin Road- Scott Young

Plan depicts two lots being combined together forming one lot. Portion of Map 10 Lot 74 and Map 10 Lot 75 creating parcel G on said plan of land. Lot containing 8.518.

No further questions Motion was made to accept ANR for Cronin Road made by Mrs. Libby: second Mr. Norton- 5 yes votes.

Public Hearing for Sunpin Solar Development, LLC.

Applicant sent email requesting to Continue Public Hearing to the next Planning Board Meeting. The Board decided this will be the last time they will re-schedule the Hearing. The Applicants will be asked to **Withdraw without Prejudice** or the Board will **Deny** the Special Permit and Site Plan. Letter will be sent to the Applicant.

Discussion on Borrego- seeking a field change.

Borrego sent email requesting to continue to next Board Meeting.

Comments and Concerns

Resident were upset that the Solar Sites on Little Rest Road had not been plowed again after the snow storm. Letter will be sent to the operators of the site.

The Board sent a letter to the Selectmen asking to email Town Counsel with two question they had concerning Battery Storage Boxes used on Solar Facilities.

Board of Selectmen sent a letter back denying the Planning Boards request.

The question was then sent to Mr. William Scanlan (Town Planner) for his opinion.

Mr. Scanlan opinion.

The revised solar bylaw contains a number of provisions for battery storage systems. Specifically, section 3.25.8 requires a special permit in the Commercial and MDOD districts. They are usually incorporated within the design of a large solar array to store the energy generated on-site for release into the grid in periods of high demand. They could also be stand-alone systems where the special permit requirement would also apply. They are subject to numerous standards intended to protect public safety. Provided these standards are met, the Board would be hard-pressed to arbitrarily deny the special permit. **The Fire Chief has an important role to play in the review, and if he felt they were unsafe**, the Board would have grounds for

denial. The Board has the authority to set conditions to minimize impacts on abutting properties. Generally, applicants will comply with conditions provided they are not so onerous as to prevent the siting of the systems. **Fire Chief Adam Lavoie commented he cannot just deny he would need a good reason to deny the Battery Boxes.**

Payroll/Bills/Budget

Motion to approve and sign payroll in the amount of \$281.92 & \$246.68 x 3 made by Mrs. Libby: second Mrs. King- 5 yes votes.

Minutes

Motion to approve and sign minutes from November 16, 2019 made by Mrs. Libby: second Mr. Dufresne- 5 yes votes.

Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2019 @ 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M Czub
Secretary

02/24/2020
Date Approved