



Planning Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Benjamin Pendleton, Andrew Poland, Jeff Eilenberg, Patricia Jennings

Committee Members Absent: Andrea Perley, Alternate Positions (Still unknown)

Also Present: Joseph Rose, Stephanie Russell

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Benjamin Pendleton (after technical difficulties).

Old Business –

- **New Subdivision Final Review – Blue Ridge Acres (Map 008 Lot 006-E & 011-C):**
 - Andrew Poland recused himself on the discussion.
 - The board discussed the outstanding items from the previous meeting which were
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
 - Soil Test Report
 - Financial Statement from applicant's lending institution guaranteeing funds available to complete the road and power to all lots.
 - After reviewing these documents, in addition to what was presented at the June 4th meeting, the board was ready to move forward. The "Findings of Fact and Decision on Application for Subdivision Approval" form was completed by the board and all conditions were met.
 - **VOTE:** Pendleton made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for Blue Ridge Acres as presented; Eilenberg seconded. Approved 3-0.

New Business –

- **Solar Farms and Fees –**
 - Joseph Rose, Code Enforcement Officer, brought to the board's attention there is interest in the potential development of 3 commercial solar farms. Currently, solar farms would fall under a commercial structure (unheated) at \$0.15 a square foot. At this time, the Selectboard are discussing whether to create a separate fee specifically for solar farms at \$0.25 a square foot, which is currently the maximum square foot charge for commercial space. The Selectboard charged the Planning Board to discuss the matter and provide input for the decision.
 - The board discussed the matter and requested Rose complete further research. He will also reach out to one of the potential developers and ask they attend a future meeting.

House Keeping –

- None

Eilenberg made motion to adjourn the meeting, Poland seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Westhaver
Staff Liaison

PLANNING BOARD APPROVED: _____