

Town of North Yarmouth
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023
Business Meeting
(recording is available via [Town Hall Streams](#))

- I. Call to Order** Paul Whitmarsh Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Paul Whitmarsh noted that Kimry Corrette will not be attending the meeting, and he appointed Alexander Urquhart be acting as a full member at this meeting per the bylaws.

Present: Paul Metevier (Board Member), Sanford Peabody (Board Member), Paul Whitmarsh (Alternate Board Member/Chairperson), Alexander Urquhart (Alternate Board Member), Jeff Brown, (Secretary/Board Member), and Trey Milam (Board Member).

II. Minutes Approval

- a. September 23, 2022, **Jeff Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2022, Planning Board meeting; Paul Metevier seconded the motion. Vote 3 Yes /2 Abstained (Alexander Urquhart/Trey Milam)**
- b. October 4, 2022, **Jeff Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2022, Planning board meeting; Paul Metevier seconded the motion. Vote 4 Yes/ 1 Abstained (Sanford Peabody)**

III. Old Business- None

IV. New Business

- a. Water Line Solar Project – Extension Request

Alexander Urquhart, Alternate Board member noted that he worked for the company at the time the application was presented but he felt that there he did not have a conflict.

Paul Metevier motioned to allow Alexander Urquhart to act as a regular board member on this item; Jeff Brown seconded the motion. Vote 4 Yes/1 Abstained (Alexander Urquhart).

Chris Byers, Owner Branch Renewable Energy, LLC & Water Line Solar, LLC explained that the projected dates to start the project have been delayed outside the Project's control since the site plan review process with the Planning Board.

The signed Finding of Facts is dated May 10, 2022, so instead of starting construction by May 10, 2023, the Project request that an extension be granted, and that construction be allowed to commence by May 10, 2024.

Paul Whitmarsh, Alternate Board Member/Chair, he questioned why he did not wait until the studies before coming to the Planning Board for approvals.

Chris Byers, Owner Branch Renewable Energy, LLC & Water Line Solar, LLC, he explained that the way development works, is to move as many pieces as possible of the permitting process forward so that when they receive approval from ISO-NE, they will be ready for construction.

Jeff Brown motioned to grant the extension request to May 2024 for the Water Line Solar, LLC project; Paul Metevier seconded the motion. Vote 5 Yes/ 0 No.

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V. Any other Business

Administrative

- a. Finding of Facts – North Yarmouth Veterinary Hospital – Site Plan Review – Signing ONLY
- b. Review of Previous Year's Application(s)-None
- c. January Workshop Discussion
Next workshop is scheduled for January 24, 2023, at 6:30pm. Trey Milam hopes to have his work assignment ready for that meeting. Jeff Brown is in favor of having the workshop.

Paul Whitmarsh announced a joint workshop with the Planning Board with NorthStar Planning at 6pm on January 17, 2023. He asked Paul Hodgetts, Select Board Liaison to let the Select Board know that this is the second time where they have interfered with their schedule without talking with them first. Would like a courtesy heads up in the future.

Robert Taisey, 460 Mountfort Road, he introduced a potential new project to the Planning Board.

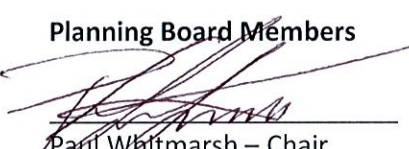
Paul Whitmarsh explained the process to move a project through the Planning Board. He encouraged Mr. Taisey to work with the Code Enforcement Officer and North Star Planning.

Ben Scipione, Code Enforcement Officer, he stated that he is working alone in the office until his new hire starts. He asked everyone to be patient through the transition.

VI. Adjournment – Jeff Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm, Alexander Urquhart seconded the motion. Vote 5 Yes/ 0 No.


Recorded by Diane Barnes, Town Manager


Planning Board Members



Paul Whitmarsh – Chair

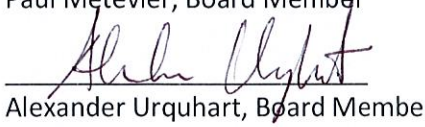
Sanford Peabody, Board Member

Kimry Corrette, Board Member


Trey Milam, Board Member


Jeffrey Brown - Secretary


Paul Metevier, Board Member


Alexander Urquhart, Board Member