

Town of Lenox
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022

Members present: Tom Delasco, Kate McNulty Vaughn, Jim Harwood
Absent with notification: Pam Kueber, Sue Lyman

Staff: Gwen Miller, Town Planner; Cara Farrell, BRPC

Other: Brian Kocela, Surveyor

1. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** TD suggested tabling the selection of Chair and Vice Chair until all members could be present. The group agreed.
2. **Approval of 5/10/22 Minutes:** The group tabled the approval of 5/10/22 minutes until the next meeting.
3. **Taking of Minutes Going Forward:** The group also agreed to discuss the taking of minutes at the next meeting.
4. **Approval Not Required Plan for Map 28, Parcel 120:** The Board voted to endorse the ANR plan as presented.
5. **Correspondence:** The Board briefly discussed correspondence shared by the Chair related to the ongoing cell tower issue in Pittsfield.
6. **Projects and Updates**

i. Solar Bylaw Update

The group talked with Cara Farrell from BRPC, who provided a model bylaw and some initial suggestions to expand where solar is allowable. The group discussed desire to allow small and medium scale solar and allow for roof top insular taken in the c-1a and c-3a zone. They also discussed mapping to help identify suitable Reas, avoiding forested area and prioritizing disturbed or already developed parcels. GM suggested they work with CF toward May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

ii. Wireless Needs Analysis and Master Plan

GM said the consultant had conducted the drive test and would like to attend the next meeting via Zoom to discuss findings.

iii. Educational and Religious Uses

KMV asked GM if she could post an inquiry to the MassPlanners list serve looking for model bylaws for educational and religious used. GM said she would and KMV said she would e-mail her the specific request.

IV. Niagara Mill

TD, JH and GM discussed potential next steps, leaning toward preparing some kind of package demonstrating resources to help market the mill building and site, connect current or next owners with the right resources for remediation and other financial resources.

V. Housing consultant grant

GM said this was intended to help unlock zoning for housing in Lenox, and that the grant is due next week.

Vi. Puppy mills: GM discussed with Town Counsel, Joel Bard of KPLaw who encouraged the town to keep this as a general bylaw, though to work on the language of the citizen petition and clean it up.

VI. Signs: the group suggested they spend the next meeting on signs and conduct the meeting via zoom. There was consensus that the bylaw was ready for final review and approval, and that it could go to a fall special town meeting.

The group decided to convene via Zoom on June 14th in and focus the entire meeting on the signs bylaw.