

Town of Lenox
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
July 25th, 2023

Documents available at meeting: Minutes to review and approve, meeting agenda, working document for small wireless in the public right-of-way, Form A plans for review, documents related to solar zoning discussion from Pam Kueber

Board members present: Tom Delasco, Pam Kueber, Kate McNulty Vaughan, Jim Harwood, Susan Lyman

Staff: Gwen Miller

1. Approval of Minutes

PK moved to approve the May 23rd, 2023 minutes, TD seconded, all were in favor. JH abstained.

KMV moved to approve the July 11th, 2023 minutes; JH seconded, JH, TD, and KMV were in favor; SL and PK abstained.

2. **Form A/Approval Not Required Plans:**

390 Housatonic Street—approved; JH moved to endorse; SL seconded; all approved.

212 Old Stockbridge Road—approved; PK moved to endorse; JH seconded; all approved.

950 East Street—approved; PK moved to endorse; JH seconded; all approved.

3. **Small Wireless:** The Board preferred to have all the various components of the small wireless facilities in the public right-of-way be in one single document. They were ready to pass the regulation on to the Selectboard, recognizing that for the most part, the framework is there for a good small wireless facilities in the public right-of-way regulation, but that staff, in consultation with the Selectboard still need to go through the entire text and address any open issues and ensure they agree with policies; in the June 13th meeting, the Planning Board agreed to changes to be made for staff to incorporate, and the Planning Board had identified questions for David Maxson to answer. TD made a motion to send to the Selectboard; PK seconded; all five members voted to send it to the Selectboard.

4. **Solar:**

PK explained why solar was on the agenda, explaining that the Board had been working on changing the solar zoning bylaw before wireless, and that now there was a large-scale ground mounted project being reviewed at 383 Housatonic Street. She suggested the Planning Board could recommend conditions to the Zoning Board and make a comment on setbacks based on a setback analysis she conducted within the zoning bylaw. She had provided slides from KPLaw about the state law and recent cases influencing zoning decisions for solar projects in Massachusetts.

5. **Reorganization:**

TD will remain Chair and CPC Liaison, JH will be vice Chair.

They agreed to not meet on August 8th, to talk about solar bylaws on August 22nd, and work on signs at the September 12 and September 26 meetings.