

Solar Committee Minutes – October 17, 2022

Members present: Cynthia Beauvais, Rick Crouthamel, Al Grignon, Carrie Peabody, Bill Nunan

CC: Kris Kelesian

Guests: Dona Cuppett, Scott & Colleen Kurtz

Review/Approve Minutes:

- The minutes of October 10, 2022 were reviewed/approved for posting on the Town website.

Project Workplan/Status:

- Al presented an updated workplan of project tasks. Project completion is at 65% complete through task #60.

Survey:

- Final Survey results were posted to the Town website on October 12.

Ordinance development:

- Al to address incorporation of Commercial Large-Scale SES with the Planning Board along with permits / Fee Tables on October 18.
- Al to update the Planning Board on Survey results at meeting on October 18.
- Cynthia provided a report on the Comprehensive Plan Committee's review of Land Use. No plan for Solar Farms or Wind at this time.
- The Team reviewed Sections 1-8 of the "work version" of the Solar Ordinance. The team agreed on the following adjustments:
 - Alter title of Ordinance to Commercial Solar Energy Systems (SES).
 - Simplify Commercial vs. Residential exclusion with uniformed fees, scale limit, and ties to size of SES.
 - Move EMFR health/safety from Purpose and Intent to Standards.
 - Combine Section 10, Standards for Approval, into all-inclusive set of standards across SES types.
 - Review definitions and move to rear of ordinance as Appendix A.
 - Clarify setback standard of 75 ft. vs 200 ft.
 - Clarify SES 50 ac. Limit.
 - Limitation of SES within town boundaries, no SES in Shoreland Zone.
- Comments and changes will be incorporated into the working version for next week's ordinance workshop.
- MSWord is the preferred format for our work. Changes will be tracked throughout the review process.
- Working version will become official V1.0 once the final draft stage is reached and Ordinance goes out for legal review.
- Carrie to send Al a list of SES types for use table.

Meeting Schedule:

- The Solar Committee will meet on **Monday, October 24, 2022 at 5PM at the Town Office.**