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On the above date the Board of selectmen held a Workshop meeting at Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Chairman Duval presided, present were Arthur Harrington, Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, and Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator absent: Michael Ouellette.

CLERK

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

A motion made by Member Blanchard, seconded by Member Harrington to suspend the rules to allow the Board to vote during the meeting – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Blanchard, seconded by Member Harrington to approve the ratification of Donald Fitzgerald to the position of Building Commissioner – Unanimous motion passed.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Donna Cesan, Community Development Director – She has been working with the Planning Board for a couple months at their last meeting they voted to designate the draft that she passed out to the Board for their approval. The Public Hearing for the solar bylaw will be held on Monday, February 10th at 7:00 PM. The Planning Board reviewed a number of current bylaws to develop this draft. Ms. Cesan went through the sections of the draft and clarified for the Board. The large scale ground mounted arrays will be permitted by right in the Industrial District, this is the only zoning district, and you would still have to go through site plan approval and a building permit. R1, R2, the business classifications and industrial park it will require a Special Permit. The Special Permit granting authority will be the Planning Board. Each section of the bylaw outlines the different requirement for each of the different systems. Chairman Duval asked what the difference between large scale and small scale, Ms. Cesan explained that it is the footprint of the project, less than a ¼ acre in size is small scale, anything larger than ¼ acre is large scale. Member Nowak wanted to thank Ms. Cesan and the Planning Board, he feels they did a really good job and the end product seems very good to him. He also asked about the wording on page 5 – Utility Connect- might sound better if written – made to install *all* underground cable connections. He also asked about the Abandonment section, Ms. Cesan commented that a bond will be in place to cover these expenses if there should be a need. He also asked if they filed for bankruptcy, Ms. Cesan stated the bond will still cover the removal.

Mr. Butler discussed with the board the parking meter issues. This has been a frustrating issue every year; the amount has fluctuated up and down each year in revenues. The Board discussed a parking enforcement model, replacement of old meters and if they wanted to place meters in the Visitors Center parking lot. Member Blanchard stated it would be better to wait till Donna Cesan, Community Development Director gets more information and then move forward with a Workshop meeting to discuss all the options.

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Blanchard to adjourn at 6:55 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary




