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Planning Board Minutes Monday, November 5, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brett Rock at 7:33pm.
Members present: Joe Vlcek, George Basbanes and Willard J. Goldthwaite Jr.
Member absent: Joan Simmons
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2012

John made a motion to approve, as written, the minutes of the October 15th meeting.
George 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Review and/or Sign Invoices

None

Review and/or Sign Payroll

The Secretary's payroll slip was signed.

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities

The Board discussed adding a large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facilities section to the Zoning Bylaw. The Secretary handed out an example from the Town of Groton for review. Members decided to start the process by:

- a) informing the Board of Selectmen of their intentions which includes contacting the Town Engineer, Town Counsel and possibly an expert in the field so that a bylaw can be written and presented at a future town meeting.
- b) ask Town Engineer Jeff Rider whether he or someone in his office is an expert in solar facilities.
- c) notify Attorney Rich Larkin that we are looking to amend the Zoning Bylaw.
- d) look into how these types of facilities would impact the Town of Dunstable, i.e. wildlife, aesthetics, character of the town, etc.

It was mentioned that we may want to add a provision to the Bylaw that if the Planning Board felt that it was necessary, an expert in the large-scale ground-mounted solar Photovoltaic facilities field be hired to review the application, with the review cost picked up by the applicant.



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Joe mentioned that his neighbor that works in this industry may be able to come in at a future meeting to answer questions the Board may have.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

November 19th Meeting

With nothing on the agenda for November 19th, the Board decided to cancel their meeting.

Motion made to close the meeting at 8:10pm. Motion 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Planning Board