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## **Planning Board Minutes Monday, December 3, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brett Rock at 7:30pm.

Members present: Joe Vlcek, George Basbanes, Joan Simmons and Willard J. Goldthwaite Jr.

Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

### **Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2012**

George made a motion to approve, as written, the minutes of the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review and/or Sign Invoices**

The invoice for the purchase of 3 rolls of stamps was signed.

### **Review and/or Sign Payroll**

The Secretary's payroll slip was signed for week ending December 1st.

### **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities Discussion**

The Secretary provided a copy of Town Engineer Jeff Rider's draft bylaw to Board members.

At our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting Joe mentioned that his neighbor has some knowledge on the subject of solar facilities. He asked the neighbor, Geoff Neiley, to attend tonight's meeting to answer some of the Boards questions. Mr. Neiley previously worked for a company that sold parts to solar companies. He briefly explained what a large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility was and its use.

George asked if there was a risk of ground contamination from the panels. Mr. Neiley explained that the panels have an approximately 20 year life span. After that time, the panels should be returned to the vendor for recycling but that the panels do not dissolve and seep into the ground.

The Board voiced concern about the possibility of a vendor abandoning the site, leaving the town with the disposal of the equipment. They would like to have a bond posted to cover the removal of the equipment if the vendor deserts the project.

Brett asked the Board and Mr. Neiley to review the draft bylaw and meet again on



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December 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further. At that time, Jeff Rider will be asked to join the meeting.

**Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda**

Brett asked if the new owner of the River Street property had been in contact with the office regarding the former NRLC project. The Secretary said he had not.

Motion made to close the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
Secretary  
Dunstable Planning Board