

**TOWN OF WEBSTER**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

1 The Planning Board held a virtual meeting on Thursday February 18, 2021. The meeting was held  
2 virtually due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency  
3 Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04.

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5 **Planning Board Members present:** Susan Rauth (Chairperson), Paul King, Craig Fournier, Kathy  
6 Bacon, David Hemenway (Select Board Ex Officio Member).

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8 **Also, present:** Russell Tatro (Land Use Coordinator), Daniel White.

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10 Chairperson Rauth opened the February 18, 2021 meeting by taking attendance. Lynmarie Lehmann was  
11 absent and Alternate Kathy Bacon took her place as a voting member.

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13 Chairperson Rauth moved to the first item on the agenda, The Wetlands and Watershed Ordinance  
14 update.

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16 Chairperson Rauth updated the Board of the status of the ordinance. The ordinance was undergoing legal  
17 review, but the process had been delayed. The delay had caused the ordinance to not be included in the  
18 2021 Town warrant. She asked the Board how they wanted to move forward with the ordinance. She  
19 suggested the Board finalize the legal review and then review the timber harvesting and agriculture  
20 sections. She had also received comments from Rich Van de Poll, the environmental consultant for the  
21 solar project, regarding the proposed ordinance. She would forward the comments to the Board for  
22 review. The Board discussed process going forward and agreed Amy Manzelli should finish the legal  
23 review of the ordinance after the Board finished its review of timber harvesting/agriculture sections.

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25 The Board discussed the work that still needed to be done regarding the timber harvesting/agriculture  
26 sections. Chairperson Rauth brought up examples of how other towns regulate timber  
27 harvesting/agriculture in their ordinances. She would submit examples to the Board. Craig Fournier  
28 commented that NHDES already regulated the harvesting of timber and he did not know if the additional  
29 requirements were needed. The Board discussed if/what changes needed to be made before they could  
30 complete the timber harvesting/agriculture sections of the ordinance. Paul King asked if the ordinance  
31 would need another legal review before putting it on the Warrant for 2022. Chairperson Rauth  
32 commented that she did not expect to need another legal review. Selectman Hemenway asked about the  
33 site-visit that had been planned with Adam Mock. The visit would allow the Board to see how NHDES  
34 best practices were applied at an active logging operation. Chairperson Rauth would reach out to Mr.  
35 Mock to schedule a site-visit. The Board would review the ordinance further at the next scheduled  
36 meeting.

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38 Chairperson Rauth moved to the next item on the agenda, solar project update.

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40 Selectman Hemenway explained that the process was being delayed due to not having mapping from  
41 Olivewood Energy. He had talked to the solar company and they would be submitting preliminary  
42 conceptual designs soon. Mr. Fournier informed the Board that he had attended a webinar regarding solar  
43 project conservation easements. Thought the class had not been fully relevant he had gotten a few good  
44 ideas on how to address conservation. Selectman Hemenway commented that most of the project would  
45 be on privately owned land and they still did not know exactly how this would affect the development of  
46 the project. The Town's largest responsibility would be creating the MOU.

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48 Selectman Hemenway informed the Board that the Solar Project Subcommittee meeting scheduled for  
49 February 23, 2021 had been cancelled. The next meeting would be March 23, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Chairperson Rauth moved to the next item on the agenda, approval of draft minutes.

The Board briefly discussed Paul King's comment that would be added to the minutes of 2/18/20 regarding if lot 2-38-1 and 2-37 were cable of further sub-division. Land Use Coordinator Tatro stated that he would investigate and that no subdivision application for those lots had been received.

**MOTION:** Paul King

*To approve the meeting minutes from 2/18/20 as amended.*

**SECOND:** Craig Fournier

**PAUL KING – YES**

**CRAIG FOURNIER – YES**

**DAVID HEMENWAY – YES**

**KATHY BACON – YES**

**SUSAN RAUTH – ABSTAINED**

**The motion passed 4 to 0 with 1 abstaining due to not being in attendance at the meeting in question.**

Chairperson Rauth gave the floor to Land Use Coordinator Tatro to address some administrative concerns. He informed the Board that Vice Chairperson Lynmarie Lehmann and Paul King terms were expiring. He asked them to contact him if they wanted to be re-appointed to the Planning Board. He also stated that he had received a voluntary merger application for lots 5-93 and 5-98. He would sign the form for the Board and submit it to be recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds.

Chairperson Rauth addressed the topic of the draft letter to the NH Timber Association. The Board discussed the letter and made minor changes. Land Use Coordinator Tatro would mail the letter after the changes had been made.

**MOTION:** Kathy Bacon

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm*

**SECOND:** David Hemenway

**PAUL KING – YES**

**CRAIG FOURNIER – YES**

**DAVID HEMENWAY – YES**

**KATHY BACON – YES**

**SUSAN RAUTH – YES**

**The motion passed 5 to 0**

After the meeting adjourned, Chairperson Rauth asked Selectman Hemenway to update her as to what had happened in Town during her leave of absence. They discussed the upcoming Town Meeting and Election dates. She also received updates on the various projects that the Select Board are working on.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm*

Respectfully,

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Chairperson Susan Rauth

*Minutes taken by Russell Tatro*