

MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2015
SHUTESBURY PLANNING BOARD

Meeting opened at 7:15PM with Jim Aaron, Deacon Bonnar, Steve Bressler, Jeff Lacy, and Linda Rotondi in attendance. Among the guests were Chuck DiMare, Ellie Kurth, Peter Maciaszek, Michael Suter, Roger Tincknell, Randi Silnulzer, Marina Wangh, Robert Kibler, Miriam DeFant, Michael DeChara, Jane Costello, Harvey Rivard.

The Board first discussed Chuck DiMare's site plan review application, beginning with the revised open space design worksheet. A suggestion was made that underroad piping for possible future house sites be installed in conjunction with future road work. Lengthy and sometimes tedious discussion resulted in a motion by Jeff to approve the application subject to 9 changes and correction of possible spelling or punctuation errors. This motion authorized Jeff to make the nine known changes and correct newfound spelling errors and Deacon to sign the improved document and file it with the Town Clerk. The nine changes are: 1) site plan be labeled Exhibit A; 2) draft conservation restriction dated 5/26/2015 be labeled Exhibit B; 3) numbering of "Findings" be corrected; 4) record of voting be added to document; 5) the word "the" be added in several places; 6) condition 1 be rewritten to note that the common driveway permit, ANRs, and building permits are subject to later approvals by the Planning Board or the Building Inspector; 7) in Condition 1 the word "any" to precede ANR; 8) in Condition 1 the word "endorsement" following ANR to be "endorsements"; 9) in Condition 7 add the word "draft" before Conservation Restriction; 10) correct minor spelling and punctuation errors as necessary. Deacon seconded. A unanimous vote ensued.

Chuck DiMare brought forward an ANR plan for a parcel of his open space land to be conveyed to the Town of Amherst for the purpose of water supply protection. The Planning Board approved on the basis that the conditions of its purchase made unnecessary the application by the Planning Board of a conservation restriction.

Following the extended business with the DiMare land, attention turned to the Wheelock Solar Project. Michael DeChiara presented the board with a document regarding large scale solar installations. Miriam DaFant spoke of her concerns for wetlands, slopes, buffer cut lines, running water on Reed Road, and wildlife habitat. Other guests registered water concerns and made comparisons of this proposal with other installations. Guests asked questions about Planning Board authority and timeline. Guests put forward the idea of a moratorium on large solar projects. Jeff distributed copies of "Special Permit Check List", noted the role of the Conservation Commission, and elaborated on the special permit process. Questions arose as to definition of abutter. The Board suggested that interested parties should contact the Board. Deacon agreed to invite the solar engineers to a meeting. Jeff noted that the attendance of the same five Planning Board members at all public hearing sessions was necessary for a binding decision on the special permit application.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54.

Notes taken by Linda Rotondi, typed by Deacon Bonnar