

Town of Milton
424 White Mtn Highway
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2 Meeting Minutes

3 6:30 PM

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5 **Present Members:** Brian Boyers, Larry Brown, Jon Nute, Bob Graham, Joe Michaud
6 and Lynette McDougall, Matt Morrill.

7 **Absent Members:** Ryan Thibeault

8 **Staff Present:** Bruce Woodruff, Town Planner, Julius Peel Land Use Clerk

9 **I. Call to Order: 6:30PM**

10 **II. Public Comment:**

11 Lynette McDougall Asks town Planner Bruce Woodruff about the inclusion of stop signs
12 along Route 75 with the adjoining roadways. Bruce stated that he did apply back about a
13 month ago to SRPC, but at this point has not been contacted to know what support the
14 town will get from this grant.

15 **III. Public Hearing Milton, NH Solar Ordinance**

16 Bruce presented the documents to the Board through Zoom and noted that he did receive
17 comments from members of the public who were also present at the meeting.

18 6:40 Larry Brown joined

19 Bruce read the comments presented to him by Virginia Long and Steve Panish. Bruce
20 Highlighted points within the document that he thought were important pieces that the
21 board should examine and rethink. The highlighted sections were:

- 22 ▪ “We suggest the definition of accessory residential be based on function
23 only and not size limited.”
- 24 ▪ “We’re not sure we need to regulate residential installations at all beyond
25 the NEC.”
- 26 ▪ “The SF limitations of a solar array should either be eliminated or the
27 same as any limitation on outbuildings.”

28 Bruce explained that the Solar ordinance is designed to protect the public and to ensure
29 that there is uniformity amongst all code enforcement within the community. With that
30 being said, he does fully agree that the 500 ft limitations, which was derived from leading
31 solar scientists, should be removed. He thinks that within a matter of a few years the



technology will change and that using limitations like these will only hinder the community.

Joe Michaud and Bob Graham agree that the size limitations should be removed from #4 in the draft regulations stating that forcing the public to have to go before the zoning board is not fair to the community.

Larry Brown does note that he still does not agree that the town be exempt from the regulations. He also notes that the aesthetics of the solar arrays is something that the Planning Board does have the right to mandate.

Jon Nute expressed that he does not want to quickly remove the 15 ft requirement because there are scenarios when neighbors might have concern from a structure that is that tall.

Bruce explained to the board options that they could do to alter the document and offers to have Steve and Virginia speak on behalf of their questions.

After hearing public comments and discussion amongst themselves the board moves to altering the document.

***Joe Michaud motions to increase the solar array size to 25 Feet and to remove the second sentence from the Specific Solar System Requirement and Exemptions, Seconded by Matt Morrill. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. ***

***Joe Michaud motions to remove everything after "power" in the Specific Solar System Requirement and Exemptions, Seconded by Lynette McDougall. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. ***

***Brian Boyers motions to submit the Solar Ordinance as revised to the Board of Selectman, Seconded by Joe Michaud. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. ***

IV. Minutes of December 15th

Bruce notes an error with the date within the minutes.

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**Brian Boyers motions approve the minutes as revised by the Board, Seconded by Larry Brown.
The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes approving the minutes of December 15th.**

V. Planner Comments

Bruce expressed to the board that he had received a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding a town owned lot that the commission had completed a Wetlands Delineation on. Previously the board had agreed to recommend to the Board of Selectman to sell this parcel of land to a member of the public. After reviewing the Delineation and speaking amongst each other, the board agreed that this is valuable knowledge that the town had put together and wanted to alter their recommendation to the BOS to include the wetlands scientist recommendation to the buyer of the lot.

***Joe Michaud motions to change the recommendation to include the wetland scientist report to the buyer, Seconded by Matt Morrill. The vote is 6-0-1 with Jon Nute abstaining from the vote.
The motion passes changing the recommendation. ***

VI. Adjournment:

***Joe Michaud motions to adjourn, Seconded by Matt Morrill. The vote is approved unanimously.
The motion passes adjourning the meeting. ***