BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held its regular meeting and a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 19, 2015** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the **Municipal Building**, Lower Websterville, to consider the following:

**Members Present:**

Cedric Sanborn    Charlie Thygesen
Chris Violette    Debra Bordo
George Clain

**Members Absent:**

Claire Duke    John Hameline

**Others Present:**

Alex Bravakis    Gladys & Bertil Agell

**Staff Present:**

Heidi Bennett

1) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*On a motion made by Clain, seconded by Bordo the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes from July 15, 2015.*

3) **WARNED PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:05 p.m.)**

None

4) **OTHER:**

Follow-up presentation from Alex Bravakis (Novus Energy) regarding changes made to the Pine Hill Road solar project.

*Moved rows further away from Agell and will be adding some planting – eliminating the view*

*Will also be adding some greenery to the Canadian Club side.*

*Panels won’t specifically rise up, the land slopes away from the neighbors.*
Keeping all trees and shrubs that are existing.

Report from George regarding his attendance at the legislative study committee on solar siting

Claim believes the committee is there to make sure the 90% renewal stage happens, and if you’re opposed they’ll listen, but not there to deal with complaints. If you’re looking to stop solar or wind – this isn’t the place.

Report from Cedric regarding the VLCT Quality of Life and Land use Committee

There’s a push back from communities regarding the solar panels.

5) **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT(S):**

Continue discussion regarding proposed zoning amendments

*See document for suggested changes*

6) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Certificate of Public Good for AT&T/American Tower telecommunication tower in the gravel pit off the end of Fisher Road.

7) **ROUND TABLE:**

8) **ADJOURN:**

On a motion by Sanborn, seconded by Violette, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of August 19, 2015 at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Bennett

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Cedric Sanborn, Chair

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John Hameline

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Chris Violette

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Charlie Thygesen Sr.

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Claire Duke
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George Clain                          Debra Bordo