

BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held its regular meeting and a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 15, 2015** beginning at **7:00** p.m. at the **Municipal Building**, Lower Websterville, to consider the following:

Members Present:

Cedric Sanborn Charlie Thygesen
Claire Duke Debra Bordo
George Clain – 7:06 p.m.

Members Absent:

Chris Violette John Hameline

Others Present:

None

Staff Present:

Heidi Bennett

1) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Duke, seconded by Bordo the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes from June 17, 2015 with a spelling correction.

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

None

4) **OTHER:**

OTHER (1):

Update on Malone Pitman Road solar project

Enclosures:

Consultant:

Date: July 9, 2015

**STAFF REPORT/REVIEW COMMENTS FROM CHRIS VIOLETTE,
PLANNING OFFICER**

I wrote a letter dated June 23, 2015 (enclosed with correspondents) to the Public Service Board (PSB) pointing out that the Planning Commission was not trying to enforce setbacks but that we were simply pointing out that there are three lots and that setbacks are not being met.

It must have had some effect because I have since been contacted by consultants working for Malone on how to merge the three lots into one. No application to merge has been submitted to date.

According to the PSB clerk, this application as of July 9th is still under review by the PSB.

OTHER (2)

Update on Novus Morrison Road solar project

Enclosures:

Consultant:

Date: July 9, 2015

STAFF REPORT/REVIEW COMMENTS FROM CHRIS VIOLETTE, PLANNING OFFICER

The Novus Morrison Road solar project application to the Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good was submitted on June 23, 2015.

With regard to the 45-day notice mix-up Novus was advised by their counsel to leave things the way they are with the date of the 45-day notice being February 10, 2015. The Planning Commission formally received it on June 17, 2015. As I think I said there was some confusion over that because Novus says that they realized the mistake in the address shortly after the notice was sent last February and called Carl Rogers. According to Novus, Carl was going to give the notice to me directly but neither one of us can remember that. I do remember that I was somehow aware of the project but not sure how. Not sure how the Planning Commission would like to proceed with this one.

OTHER (3)

Update on Novus Pine Hill Road solar project

Enclosures:

Consultant:

Date: July 9, 2015

STAFF REPORT/REVIEW COMMENTS FROM CHRIS VIOLETTE, PLANNING OFFICER

Novus is still preparing the Certificate of Public Good application and is hoping to submit it in the next week or two.

I spoke to Alex Bravakis on July 9th and he said that they were able to move some of the racks around to offer a little less visibility for the Hartley Road residents. They also will be including within their applications tree and shrub plantings to further mitigate as best they can visual effects.

Alex would like to present the new plan to the Commission but doesn't feel he will be ready for the July meeting. I expect he will attend the August meeting. I will invite those that attended the June meeting.

5) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter sent to Public Service Board (PSB) responding to Malone's PSB letter dated June 16, 2015
Letter from Public Service Department re: American Tower/ATT cell phone project
Letter from American Tower/ATT responding to Planning Commissions letter to PSB

6) **ROUND TABLE:**

Continue discussion regarding proposed zoning amendments:

The Planning Commission started working through the list that Sanborn had submitted. Changes, deletions, additions and suggestions are attached.

7) **ADJOURN!**

On a motion by Clain, seconded by Sanborn, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of July 15, 2015 at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Bennett

Cedric Sanborn, Chair

John Hameline

Charlie Thygesen Sr.

George Clain

Chris Violette

Claire Duke

Debra Bordo