



## Planning Board – Town of Spencer

### *Minutes*

#### Planning Board Executive Session

**Monday, September 18, 2018 at 7:50 PM**

McCourt Social Hall, 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562  
Memorial Town Hall

Planning Board Members Present: Chair Robert Ceppi, Jonathan Viner, Shirley Shiver, Jeff Butensky, and Maria Reed

Planning Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner and Monica Santerre-Gervais, ODIS Senior Clerk

Staff Absent: None

#### **1. Executive session began at 7:50pm**

#### **2. GH Wilson/ Main Street Solar Appeals**

During the executive session there was much discussion regarding Mr. Viner's position to oppose Main Street solar Farm and GH Wilson Solar Farm. Mr. Viner stated that the Solar Farms are operational without Certificates of Compliance and abutters are being affected. Mr. Viner wanted to hold the company responsible so they could do what is right and not have the same issues in the future.

The Planning Board members discussed options to have a Cease and Desist order for Sunset/Holmes Solar Farm and Paxton/Woodchuck Solar. The Planning Board members wanted to notify our representative from National Grid to let them know the sites should not be generating power because they do not have their Certificates of Compliance. Additionally, one item that can be addressed with Main Street Solar and GH Wilson Solar is to require the applicant to do an acoustic study, which, is spelled out in the Spencer Solar Bylaw.

During discussion involving the asbuilts, Mr. Viner mentioned further clarity from Graves Engineering peer review comments on page 1 that states, "This review letter shall not be construed as a certificate of the contractors work in accordance with the approved site plan." Mr. Viner explained that he had been at the sites and does not believe that the Paxton Road Solar project was constructed properly and there is an issue with runoff. Mr. Dell'Aquila mentioned visiting the properties with Graves Engineering to go over the concerns.

Furthermore, Mr. Viner stated that if items for the current solar farms are addressed than he will reconsider his vote.

Course of action agreed upon by the Planning Board:

- Cease and desist order for Sunset/Holmes Street Solar Farm and Paxton/Woodchuck Solar Farm.

- Sending correspondence to National Grid in regards to the Solar Farms generating power without proper certificates and finals.
- Requiring ZPT Energy to do an acoustic study for Main Street Solar and GH Wilson Solar.

**Submitted by: Monica Santerre-Gervais, ODIS Clerk and Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner**  
**Approved by the Planning Board on: 12/18/2018**

**Items submitted at the Meeting:**

- Asbuilts Peer Review for Sunset/Holmes Solar
- Asbuilts Peer Review for Paxton/Woodchuck Solar