

**Town of Smithville  
Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

**Planning Board Members:** Chairperson, Jackie Centerwall, Shane Butler, Robert Brooks and Adam Whitbeck; Clerk, Suzette Valachovic

**Planning Board Members in Attendance:** Chairperson, Jackie Centerwall, Shane Butler, Robert Brooks, Adam Whitbeck, and Suzette Valachovic.

**Planning Board Members Absent/Excused:** None

**Others in Attendance:** Mark Fobare of Monolith Solar; Beverly Giles and Alison Owens.

Jackie Centerwall called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 6:59.

**1. Review and Approval of Minutes.**

August 5, 2015, minutes were presented for approval. Robert Brooks suggested the wording of Others in Attendance be changed to clarify Alison Owens is not a member of Monolith Solar. Chairperson Jackie Centerwall asked for a motion to approve the August 5, 2015 meeting minutes, as revised; motion made by Shane Butler, to approve the minutes with the proposed changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Whitbeck, vote unanimous, motion approved and accepted.

Chairperson Jackie Centerwall presented the minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 19, 2015, for approval. Robert Brooks commented that the number of individuals in attendance were not "about 12 townspersons" and advised that there were 9 residents and 1 non-resident in attendance; thereby requesting that the minutes be changed to reflect the correct number. Chairperson Jackie Centerwall asked for a motion to approve the August 19, 2015 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, as revised; motion made by Shane Butler, to approve the minutes with the proposed changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Whitbeck, vote unanimous, motion approved and accepted.

**2. Old Business.**

- Chairperson Jackie Centerwall advised that as a result of the Public Hearing, there are some residents opposed to Monolith Solar's site plan, recognizes those concerns and would like to reach a compromise between those opposed and Monolith. Resident Beverly Giles voiced her many concerns, her absolute opposition of the project and voiced her unwillingness to compromise. Discussion was had concerning planting fast growing trees to block her view of the solar panels, the number of trees it would take, types of trees, and potential cost. Monolith was asked if they would consider researching and planting trees and they would consider that. Chairperson Jackie Centerwall asked for a motion to approve the site plan of Monolith Solar with the recommendation that Monolith put forth their best effort to block the view of the solar panels for neighbors across Pearl Street/Upper Round Pond Road. Motion made by Shane Butler to approve the site plan of Monolith Solar, LLP with the recommendation that Monolith put forth their best effort to block the view of neighbors across Pearl Street/Upper Round Pond Road; 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Whitbeck; vote unanimous, motion approved and accepted. Note: Robert Brooks abstained from casting vote.
- Chairperson Jackie Centerwall recommended a negative finding of the SEQERA paperwork; Motion made by Shane Butler to declare a negative declaration of the SEQERA; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Whitbeck, vote unanimous, motion approved and accepted. Note: Robert Brooks abstained from casting vote.
- Community Survey – Work is still being done to compile the word sort results.
- DRAFT Town of Smithville Road Preservation Law Review – no movements to date.

- Old Fee Schedule update – no movement to date.

**3. New Business.**

- Discussion of 2015 Budget and the upcoming 2016 Budget of the Planning Board was had. Planning Board Members receive \$15 stipend for each meeting attended and receive mileage for attending seminars/schools out of the area at .50/mile. Chairperson Jackie Centerwall asked for a motion to approve \$1,607 for the 2016 Planning Board Budget. Motion made by Robert Brooks to approve \$1,607 for the 2016 Planning Board Budget; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shane Butler, vote unanimous, motion approved and accepted.
- Robert Brooks brought to the Board's attention of a certain building being erected and inquired if a site plan review was required, and if the building was 75 feet from the center of the road, as cited in the site plan review law. It was discussed that when submitting a building permit application, a sketch should also be submitted. After discussion, Robert Brooks has volunteered to look further into the building permit process and report back to the Board at next month's hearing.

**4. Adjournment.** Jackie Centerwall asked for a motion to adjourn; motion made by Adam Whitbeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shane Butler. Vote unanimous, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23

Planning Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Smithville Community Center.

**Next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

**PLANNING BOARD 2015 SCHEDULE:**

<del>January 12<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>February 9<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>March 9<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>April 13<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>May 11<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>June 8<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>July 13<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>August 5<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>September 2<sup>nd</sup></del>	<del>October 7<sup>th</sup></del>
<del>November 4<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>December 2<sup>th</sup></del>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Suzette Valachovic  
 Planning Board Clerk.