



## Town of Hartland Planning Board Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday Mar 30, 2023**

**In attendance:** Robert Harris, Robert Spencer, Beverly Snell, Steven Urtel, and Secretary Jennifer Mason

**Motion** made by S. Urtel to open the public meeting at 7pm. Seconded by R. Spencer.

4 Ayes 0 Nays

### **Wendel Changes Notice:**

B. Snell: Wendel came in and spoke with us, then made these changes. Why did Wendel not come back in person to speak with us regarding these changes?

S. Urtel read number 9 on the last page that states that these changes are minor, as such the Town board may adopt these changes at the next public hearing. This decision was taken out of the public's hands. To us, these changes are major.

B. Spencer: read an article in the newspaper regarding Somerset's solar project at the old power plant.

Cambria's solar project acreage issue was briefly discussed.

Board concerns:

- How loud the converters will be. We recall being told 40-45 decibels.
- The decommissioning percentage reduction.
- Nonparticipating property line setbacks
- Tree cutting allowances are too lenient.
  - We object to any trees being cut larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Changes that have been proposed are giving the town less power. This information states that a public hearing was not needed.

→ We object to number 5; sections C, F, G and I

If we are too strict the state will take over to do whatever they want.

The Board reviewed the previous Town Board meeting minutes regarding solar and the resident's concerns. Peggy Zaepfel brought up most of the same concerns that we have.

The Planning Board would like to request a meeting with Wendel Engineering to answer some questions on the changes they made to the law that we presented prior to the next town meeting on April 13, 2023. R. Harris will contact Town Supervisor Ross Annable to request this meeting.

The Planning Board will make a formal request that the Town March public meeting be left open until the planning board can meet with Wendel Engineering to discuss those changes.

**Old Business:**

R. Harris inquired about the status of Mahar's soil business approval.

B. Spencer states last we knew it was in the attorney's hands to initiate the change in zoning.

With no other business to discuss,

**Motion** made by B. Snell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S. Urtel.

4 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Mason*

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Planning Board Secretary