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## Planning Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020

Present: Michael Hutchins, Paul Martin, Edna Wilander, Sarah Simpson – Planning Board

Ken Comia – PVPC, Joshua Garcia – Town Administrator

Present via teleconference: Walter Selkirk – Resident (49 North Blandford Road)

### OPEN MEETING –6:02 PM

Sarah moved to accept September 9, 2020 minutes as written. Edna seconded. Voted unanimously.

Edna moved to accept September 30, 2020 minutes as written. Paul seconded. Voted unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### *Interview with Ken Comia*

Board reviewed Ken's resume.

Ken fielded questions from the Board in regard to:

- experience and current involvement with towns of Hadley and Granby
- solar and marijuana
- master plan
- discontinued roads
- legal notices
- solar projects not meeting conditions
- development applications
- billing of hours to Planning Board vs. solar projects and master planning

Michael requested that Ken draft a contract. Ken confirmed he would and would provide soon.

#### *49 North Blandford Road*

Project was proposed to Planning Board, but in fact no requirement for PB involvement, should be resolved with building permit only. Michael will email the building inspector to confirm the need to review plans, but stated that Mr. Selkirk most likely will only require a building permit.

#### *Streamline Permitting*

Transitioning from paper permitting to electronic permitting. Josh is making us aware of availability for future usage.



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**OLD BUSINESS**

*Rolling Potato Farm*

Michael provided update that project waiting on studies to determine if construction to start.

*George Millar Road*

Project slated to start in Spring 2021. Will submit for building permit in winter to allow preparation for Spring start. Awaiting incentives from the State.

*Syncarpha*

Regarding email received from Graeme pertaining to the ground conduit, above ground versus below ground. Graeme stated that original site plan shows that conduit would be above ground. Board to review site plans to confirm, as all believed it was planned to be below ground.

*Planning Board Rules and Regulations*




Edna will work with Ken Comia to draft official rules and regulations.

Sarah moved to close meeting; Paul seconded. Voted unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Simpson, Secretary

*Michael Hutchins, Chairman*

*Edna Wilander, Vice Chair*

*Paul Martin, Member*

*Sarah Simpson, Secretary*

*Vacant Seat*