

**MINUTES
CORNISH PLANNING BOARD
NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Members present were Bill Lipfert, Chair, Mary Mancuso, Gail McKenzie and Jay Young; David Haseman, Alternate; Scott Baker, Selectman; and Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary.

Also in attendance were Doug Miller and Betty Miller, property owners, Jack Bingham and David Russell of Barrington Power, and Cathy Parks, Abutter.

Bill Lipfert called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes: 10/20/2016 and 10/29/2016

Gwyn Gallagher made a motion to approve the October 20, 2016, minutes as presented. Jay Young seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Mary Mancuso made a motion to approve the October 29, 2016, minutes as presented. Scott Baker seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Doug & Betty Miller – Public Hearing re: Site Plan, 100KW Solar Array, Town House Road.

Voting: Bill Lipfert, Chair, Scott Baker, Gwyn Gallagher, David Haseman for Gail McKenzie, Heidi Jaarsma, Mary Mancuso, and Jay Young

Heidi Jaarsma read the letters of adequacy from the Cornish Police Chief and Cornish Fire Chief. Chief Hackett requested temporary signage in the event that large trucks will be entering the driveway during the construction phase.

Jack Bingham presented the Site Plan for a 100KW solar array to be located at Map 6, Lot 22. The four-row array will be surrounded by a security fence and will be accessed by an existing driveway. Because Eversource will not replace the pole, Mr. Bingham amended the plan to show a pad-mounted transformer at the site of the array. The inverter shed measures 3'x 8'. The pad mounted transformer measures 4'x 4' and will be accessed by the existing driveway. Two risers would be added to the existing pole on Town House Road. Mr. Bingham presented the final approval from Eversource. There will be no cost to the Town of Cornish for improvements to the power supply. Lighthouse Power determined that no ledge is present in the area where underground wire is proposed. David Haseman asked whether the 8' wide swath would be allowed to re-vegetate. Mr. Bingham stated that the swath would be allowed to revegetate. Gail McKenzie asked how the installation would affect neighboring property owners in the event of an outage. Mr. Bingham stated that there would be no effect. The inverter will shut off automatically if the overhead lines on Town House Road are out. Scott Baker asked about the stump of the pine tree. Mr. Bingham stated that the stump may be removed if it is in the way of the trench; otherwise, it would be cut as short as possible.

Cathy Parks asked regarding the distance from Tandy Brook Road to the security fence. Per the plan, the distance measured approximately 120'.

Gwyn Gallagher made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the underground wire and the pad mounted transformer located close the array as shown on the plan. David Haseman seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Other Business

The Board reviewed the upcoming agenda.

Gail McKenzie made a motion to adjourn. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi M. Jaarsma