

**Town of Sheffield
Planning Board
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7pm
Virtual Meeting**

Planning Board Members Present:

Ken Smith, Chairman

George Oleen

Caitlin M. McNeil

Sari Hoy

Absent: Dale Martin

Members of the Public: Nina Anderson, Rene Wood

Chairman K. Smith called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Nomination of Vice-Chairman of the Board and Nomination of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Delegate: Chairman Smith deferred these two items to the next meeting due to the absence of D. Martin.

ANR Requests: None

Discussion of 5G Installations: Chairman Smith introduced Nina Anderson who had forwarded hard copy of proposed updates to 7.1 Personal Wireless Service Facilities, Repeaters and Towers to include small cell installations phone companies need to install to provide 5G service. She expressed her concerns Section 7.1 needed to be updated less the Town find this technology coming in with no regulations. She went over several of the updates to specific Sections of 7.1 but it became clear the document sent over in the packet to Planning Board members did not provide the grey shadowing N. Anderson was directing their attention to. N. Anderson was asked to email her document showing grey shadowing (proposed changes) to J. Hughes for distribution to members for their next meeting. N. Anderson also discussed the sources of the proposed changes, which were by-laws from other towns developed by lawyers for those communities. Chairman Smith established expectations on length of time for process and need for a Town vote.

KP law's Review of Warrant Articles and Possible By-Law Changes at Town Meeting: Chairman Smith went over the highlights of the review KP Law had done on the two draft zoning by-laws the Planning Board had held recent Public Hearings for. No substantive changes had occurred, some wordsmithing and KP Law found a way to incorporate the By-Right Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District into the existing Solar Zoning By-Law.

Discussion on Green Communities Act Webinars: R. Wood let the Board know the webinar for tonight had been cancelled; the next webinar is scheduled for Tuesday 6/23 at 6:30pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Chairman Smith asked for comments on the minutes of 5/27/20. *On a motion by G. Oleen, seconded by C. M. McNeil, and a roll call vote of 4-0, the Board accepted the minutes as presented.*

Board Member Items:

G. Oleen had none.

C. M. McNeil volunteered to be Vice-Chair when D. Martin back.

S. Hoy asked about whether there had been any inquiry to either the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen on 5G. No was the answer; and ability of Planning Board is limited to Town roads. The state controls state highways, like Rt. 7, 23, 41, etc.

Chairman Smith announced the Annual Town Meeting on 6/29 and invited all Planning Board members to attend if able to do so.

Public Inquiries: None

Board Adjournment: *On a motion by Chairman Smith, seconded by C. M. McNeil, and unanimously approved 4-0 on a roll call vote, the Board adjourned at 7:22pm.*

Respectfully submitted,


Rene Wood

Meeting Materials:

Meeting Notice/Agenda for June 10, 2020

Planning Board minutes for May 27, 2020

Materials from Nina Anderson on 5G updates to Section 7.1 Personal Wireless Service Facilities, Repeaters and Towers