

Egremont Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Feb 13, 2023

Call to order: 10:04 AM

Planning Board: Jared Kelly (JK), Chairman; Mary McGurn (MM); Stephen Lyle (SL), Secretary absent; Matthew Bersani (MB); Eddie Regendahl (ER), Vice Chairman absent; Donna Bersch (DB), Associate Member

Citizens in Attendance: Mike Parsons, Eileen Vining

Form A's: Mike Parsons presented an application for Peck, Peck and Granger for land on Creamery Road. Lot will stay within family. Motion was endorsed 5-0.

Chapter 61: none

Mail: Email regarding Egremont's bylaws regarding commercial solar zoning. Chair responded by email that commercial solar zoning is not currently in the bylaw

Minutes: Jan 9 3-0, November 21 5-0, December 21 3-0, Jan 4 2023 December 7 2022 approved 3-0.

Citizen's Time: Eileen Vining said there is only one solar overlay – the one near Town Hall, and that other commercial solar is not allowed, in answer to Chairs' query.

Updates and Discussion:

Comprehensive plan. Chair reviewed the public survey and public meeting responses. Eileen asked that we ask the consultants for the materials they are developing for the next public meeting, ahead of the next regular PB meeting. Chair said he would send email to that effect.

Fence bylaw. ER described some of the relevant MA law (Administrative Law Part 1, Title 7, Chapter 49). Fence heights, responsible parties, permissible materials, heights on road frontage, fences viewers, nuisance laws etc. were discussed. A question was raised about the height of vegetation, and its effect on turning safely out of a driveway. ER will draft a new version, modelled loosely on Stockbridge. Chair asked if the historic districts were delineated somewhere with a map that zoning could refer to. MM directed the board to the National Historic District Register on the web. The findings were not conclusive.

Future meetings – March 2nd at 10AM, and March 15th at 10AM were set.

Adjourned 11:23

