

## Planning Board Minutes

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm : Jason Ayer, Jody Kablack, Dave Thompson, Steve Thomas, Genevieve Stillman were present.

- *New Business*

- **Zero Point Issue**

Background discussion of Zero Point Solar on Ravine Road. Special Permit granted in 2018 needs an extension from the Planning Board. They are not yet connected to the Barre substation. This was not a controversial application.

J. Kablack made a motion to allow for an extension for Zero Point. D. Thompson Seconds. All in favor. Motion Passed unanimously.

- **Request By Summit Solar to move driveway gate**

Request to move entrance gate on Barre Cutoff 20-30 feet into the site, away from the road. J. Kablack made a motion to accept moving gate back into site. D. Thompson Second, approved unanimously. G. Stillman abstained.

- **Minutes** to approve: S. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2023. J. Ayer seconds, all approved.

- *Old Business*

- Borrelli 2 Solar installation - dead trees. New ones replaced the dead but got blown over, they have been properly replanted. Plants are in gravel - no soil. They blew debris beyond the 'no-cut' line. So they didn't cut trees down but crushed them. Need to better stipulate that no damage is allowed past the 85 border line.

There were conditions set when the site was started. An allotment of money for trees and other beautification. Years have gone by (covid, and development delays).

The Building Inspector has opined that all the conditions of the Special Permit do not have to be complied with until the site is functioning (connected to the grid).

- Discussion about whether top soil is being removed from the Summit Solar Site without a gravel removal permit. There are stockpiles of soil on the site and lots of soil was moved around. J. Kablack will notify NexAmp about the gate relocation, and also mention about the topsoil. UPDATE – no soil was removed from the site.

- Discussion of 753-755 Barre Rd (former Reed's restaurant) and the Special Permit to open a retail Gun Store. The new owner lost his license to sell, and requested the Select Board to assign the permit to another party. These licenses are not transferrable and since the owner was caught selling guns without a license in North Brookfield he will probably not be granted one for some time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.