

Freedom Planning Board Meeting 3/12/24

Present: Tyler, Clara, Peter, Mary Ann, Kevin, Prentice

Also present: Laura Greeley, Meredith Coffin, Rhonda Leyden, Heather Donahue

Called to order at 6 PM

Minutes from the 2/27/24 meeting were discussed and approved with changes

Voted/approved (Unanimously) 7-0

Laura discussed the Select Board's report in the Town report. Laura explained the factual errors related to the Select Board's summation of the proposed solar ordinance and Tyler provided additional context. The Select Board will draft a clarification letter to the residents of the town to be sent with the survey.

In response to conversation regarding the solar ordinance at the annual town meeting, Tyler discussed how the planning board researched other ordinances; brought in experts to gather information for creating the ordinances; and expressed confidence in the Board member's decision-making ability. When we saw how much work this would require, the planning board chose to meet twice as long at each meeting and up our meetings to twice a month.

Solar Survey

Bryan brought up a concern about the term "Solar Energy Systems." There was an issue with the scope of the definition including storage and heat transfer. The Board discussed the desirability and practicality of having a separate ordinance regarding energy storage facilities.

Bryan will research other ordinances to see what turns up.

It was determined to table this issue until we get data back from the survey to get a direction from the town's input.

Tyler will be unavailable for the 3/26th meeting. A motion to cancel that meeting and schedule the next meeting for 4/9/24 was held. Voted/approved 7-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM