

## Town of Freedom Planning Board Meeting Minutes 12/13/2022

Present: Tyler Hadyniak, Prentice Grassi, Clara Alvarez, MaryAnn Bennett, Palmer Pearson, Peter Abello

Meeting was via Zoom. Started at 7:00 pm

### **Review October Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept October's meeting minutes (Prentice); 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tyler). All in favor? – motion passed

### **Solar Farm/Policy/Moratorium discussion**

Between last meeting in October and today's meeting, planning board members added items to the "Important Sections Document" – a list of important items to include in a potential Freedom Solar Ordinance. Prentice took this document and aligned it with the Town of Readfield's Solar Ordinance. The resulting document was a draft ordinance for members' review. Prentice had highlighted sections that he thought needed discussion or raised questions. Over zoom all present went over this document focusing primarily on those highlighted sections.

Here are the action items resulting from this work:

- Defer discussion on the definition of/applicability of small-scale solar systems until January Meeting
- Tyler will draft language for a new #14 under section 6; giving planning board latitude to make application specific criteria to cover the board in situations that don't fit within this ordinance
- Clara will check on application fee structure for solar arrays in other towns so application fee in Freedom is accurate/aligns
- Tyler will clarify airspace definition outlined in Section 7 part 1

- Prentice will clarify maximum height above ground 10 feet outlined in section 7
- Peter will check on fencing requirements
- Clara will check on applicability of noise standards for solar arrays
- Maryann will research cost of training for fire departments as it relates to solar arrays
- Peter and Prentice will research the applicability of regulating solar energy production for municipal use via a town ordinance

Consider adding language to Section 8 regarding protection of prime farmland soils that gives the planning board discretion to deny project if applicant does not demonstrate enough effort to avoid these areas.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn (Tyler); 2<sup>nd</sup> (Peter). All in favor? – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.