

**Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2012**

Present: Michael Fitzgerald, Chair (MF)  
Ken Miller (KM)  
Alan Rice (AR)  
Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)  
Brittany Martin (BM)  
Mary Quigley (MQ)  
John Cranston (JC)  
Tom Cranston (TC)  
Walter Cudnohufsky (WC)

The meeting is called to order at 7:32pm.

1. MQ and Board discuss Tamsen Merrill's parcels on the northerly side of Creamery Road.
  - a. Parcel B: 1.774 acres +/-
  - b. Parcel A: 2.249 acres +/-
  - c. Land to be conveyed and combined to form one lot.
  - d. Approval not required. KM motions to accept, AR seconds, all vote in favor.
  
2. JC and TC discuss they want to install solar panels on an unused part of the Cranston Tree Farm.
  - a. The plot is very rocky.
  - b. The infrastructure of power lines are capable of this size.
  - c. They are looking to the Board to understand what steps to follow in order to inform the town of Ashfield about their proposed project to gain support to move forward, as it will be costly to do so.
  - d. They are looking into offering power to the town at a hopefully cheaper price than they are paying now.
  - e. A potential problem they face is that the plot is less than 1/2 mile from historic district.
  - f. They would like to clear 10-15 acres of land for this project.
  - g. They would like to generate 2-3 megawatts.
  - h. Board will walk on the property.
  - i. Board advises JC and TC to speak to their abutters to find out how they feel about it and at some point put something in the Ashfield News. MF suggests they do the project in phases.
  
3. Board reviews the April 19, 2012 minutes. KM moves to accept the minutes, as amended. LPW seconds and all vote in favor.
  
4. LPW shares a news article and Sumner Maine's Wind Turbine By-law. There are some points that LPW thinks the Board should review for possible suggestions and guidance in the Ashfield Wind Turbine By-law.
  
5. WC shares another By-law from Wisconsin. Hands out paperwork on Aesthetics to review.
  
6. MF motions to adjourn the meeting, AR seconds, and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Martin