

# OFFICE OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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Planning Board Minutes Monday, November 15, 2021 Approved: December 6, 2021

Chair Joe VLcek at 6:30pm, called the meeting to order.

Members present: George Basbanes, Jeff Pallis, Joan Simmons and Jim Wilkie

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021**

George made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting. Jim  $2^{nd}$  the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Bills/Payroll**

Bills-none. Jeff made a motion to sign payroll. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

## **Signs**

The Board briefly discussed the sign bylaw. It was decided that members would do some research on changes they would like to see, taking into consideration legal limitations.

#### **Solar Farms**

Joe brought up that he plans to do some research on towns that have had significant issues due to solar companies cutting down forests for solar panels. Our solar bylaw, approved in January of 2020, accompanied a letter from the Attorney General's office that said, "*No zoning ordinance or bylaw shall prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy, except where necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare."* Joe will report his findings to the Board.

George made a motion to close the meeting at 6:38pm. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann Administrative Assistant Dunstable Planning Board