

Freedom Planning Board Meeting 1/9/24

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

Also present: Chris Byers (consultant), Laura Greeley, Steve Bennett, Mike Smith, Willa Dibner, Heather Donahue

Called to order at 6 PM

Minutes from the 12/12/23 meeting were discussed and approved

Voted/approved (Unanimously)

Bryan Murphy was introduced as our new board member. Bryan told of his past involvements in other boards and town politics

The solar **ordinance** discussion started with the reason for the 16 foot **solar array height limit size limit**. (See section 7c)

With the discussion it was **motioned** to change the size limit to 12 feet.

Voted/ approved with a 6 yes, 1 no vote

The next topic discussed was the Location

Motion to change location (section 2F)

“Restriction to not use land that 10% of open prime farmland or soils of statewide significance”

There was no second for the motion

Motion died.

Other discussions revolved around the strict adherence to rules about discussion between the planning board members outside the meetings. It was reinforced that we adhere to this rule in our communications.

Discussion also centered on the planning board wanting to know what the town’s people felt about solar farms effect on the town and its residents. We encourage more participation from town members and welcome any and all input.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM