

Freedom Planning Board Meeting  
4/11/23

Present: Clara, Prentice, Maryanne, Palmer, Peter, Kevin  
Absent: Tyler

7:00 pm Meeting called to order

Presented minutes from the 2/14/23 meeting. No edits. Passed 5-0.

Report out on Homework:

Maryanne: Found a couple fees for permitting: \$1 per Kilowatt , \$500 per Megawatt  
Application fee is up to the Selectmen  
One major concern is the under 5 MW projects are not taxed BUT it will increase  
the town's evaluation, so residents taxes will increase to cover the  
increased evaluation. Is this something the town can afford?

Palmer: Will call MMA to ask about how taxes can be handled with the anticipated  
increases. Can the town deny solar due to the town will not be able to afford this  
Increase?  
Would taxpayers have to certify this outcome before the fact?

Prentice: is working on the fencing issue.

It was suggested that we visit the local project to see and ask the owner questions.  
Prentice will call and see if we can visit soon. He will let us know.  
It was suggested that we take pictures of sample fences. It was determined that  
the description is vague and confusing. Pictures could clear up this idea.

It was also brought up about decommissioning of the projects. The panels are considered  
hazardous waste. We need to have their PROPER disposal is planned for. It was  
suggested to have a fee schedule to build up an escrow account so the "owners" can't just  
walk away at the end.

Palmer handed out the movement on increasing low income housing: LD 665, to prepare  
for this possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM