

Starks Planning Board Meeting
July 5, 2023

Present: Gwen Hilton, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, Tiffany Bellefleur, Byrne Wright

Guest: Maggie Wright

Adequate public notice was given of the meeting, a quorum was present and no conflicts of interest or bias were reported.

Old Business: The minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous consent

New Business:

Starks LLC update:

The Letter of Credit issued by Bangor Savings Bank for the Starks solar facility is due to expire on August 5, 2023. Although not required to do so, the Board asked Ken, as a courtesy, to remind Nate Niles that the Letter should to be renewed.

Enforcement Issues:

Pit Bull Defense Firing Range Locke Hill Rd

The Town's CEO followed up with Michael Parker regarding DEP's concern over possible violations centered around the installation of hundreds of tires used in the construction of a berm at his firing range. Mr. Parker was reminded that he needed to apply for and be issued a permit, through the DEP, to have the tires on site.

Branns Mill Road

As a follow-up to a recent site visit to the Branns Mill Rd. property, the CEO sent a certified letter to the owner putting him on notice that he needs to clean up the property.

Abijah Hill Cell Tower

Gwen was contacted by American Tower inquiring about any need for a permit prior to installing/upgrading existing antenna. No permit is required for updates.

Mass Gathering Ordinance Petition

Casey O'Connor has submitted a petition to schedule a referendum for the total repeal of the existing Mass Gathering Ordinance. The Selectmen will decide how and when the vote will take place once the Town Clerk verifies the signatures.

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Nelson, Secretary