

**Starks Planning Board Meeting and Public Hearing  
January 4, 2023**

**Present:** Gwen Hilton, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, Joe Hartigan, Eric Hoar, Tiffany Bellefleur

**Guests:** Henry Barrett (Nexamp), Joe Hayden, Ernie Hilton, Paul Frederic

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

**Old Business:** The minutes of the October 24, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous consent

**Public Hearing:**

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. to seek comments from the public on proposed changes to the Town's Site Plan Review Ordinance relative to the construction of Solar Energy facilities.

Gwen began by reviewing a summary of the proposed amendments and how their approval would impact future applications.

There was some discussion on the definition of a Solar Energy Facility (p.9) in an effort to clarify measurement of physical size of a proposed site. Ultimately the current definition was deemed adequate.

Section F: Baseline Soil Test requirements (pg. 37) will be modified to include language requiring “representative sampling” of soils.

Section H,3: (pg.35) Strike the word “prime” to help clarify those farmlands which would be excluded from development of solar energy facilities.

Hearing no further concerns, **a motion was made and carried to close the Public Hearing (7:03 p.m.)**

The proposed amendments will be included on the warrant for a vote at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on March 11, 2023.

**New Business:** Status of Code Enforcement Officer

The Selectmen approved the hire of Terri Lamontagne as the Town's CEO. Until budget/salary issues are resolved, her responsibilities will be limited to issuing building permits.

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Nelson, Secretary