

Wareham Solar By-Law Study Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87487189994>
Meeting ID: 874 8718 9994

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson McHale at 4:03 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Nancy McHale (Chairperson)
Carl Schulz (Clerk)
Denise Wolk
Jacqui Nichols
Ronald Besse, ConCom rep

Members Absent: Jim Eacobacci, ZBA rep

Also present: Ken Buckland, Director of Planning
Emma Foehringer Merchant, MIT Student
Jim Munise, member Select Board (about 30 minutes in)

Ms. Foehringer Merchant introduced herself as an MIT Graduate student in Environmental Science who is writing an article about the concerns about solar in Wareham and our efforts to craft a by-law. The Article is for the Boston Globe.

3. MINUTES TO APPROVE

Status of the outstanding minutes was reviewed. It was decided to defer review and approval until the next meeting

Pending: Minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting
Minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting
Minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting
Minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting
Minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting
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4. DISCUSSION OF THE WARRANT ARTICLE

Chairperson McHale recapped the Planning Board presentation and thanked everyone for the attendance. The presentation went very well and the Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to support the warrant article.

Ms. Wolk noted that she spoke with Linda Rinta after the Planning Board meeting. Ms. Wolk reported that Ms. Rinta (who spoke before the Planning Board) had not realized that the Committee had decided to use the BioMap2. Ms. Rinta felt that this change allayed many of her concerns.

Mr. Schulz expressed his concern about the lack of attendance by many of the vocal opponents to the bill, many who sponsored the competing warrant article. He noted that he felt that perhaps they were using incorrect assumptions when writing their article and was disappointed that the opportunity to discuss those assumptions and the concerns was lost.

The Committee discussed the need for continued public engagement to ensure that the warrant article was understood.

Chairperson McHale noted that we were on the agendas for the Select Board and April 5th and the Finance Committee April 6th.

The Committee discussed how best to approach these presentations.

The handout and the presentation were viewed as key factors in the success of the presentation to the Planning Board. The Committee discussed how they might be improved for the use at the presentations to the Select Board and to the Finance Committee. Adjustments and improvements were made real-time during the meeting.

- The need to clearly separate the concerns about mining and earth removal from Solar by-law was discussed. We need to strongly note that we have heard the citizen's concern.
- It was noted that for presentation to Town meeting that we need to emphasize how we focused on the health, safety, and welfare of the Town in crafting the by-law.
- The Committee reviewed how to best demonstrate BioMap2 at Town meeting.

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Chairperson McHale reported that Town Attorney Bowen as asked at last night's Select Board meeting for his opinion on this by-law. Attorney Bowen did not see any problems with how the by-law was written and could be approved by the AG. Chairperson McHale offered to send the materials and the by-law to Attorney Bowen and work with him to clarify legislative intent.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public comment was offered.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed (5-0-0)

7. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: **ZOOM**

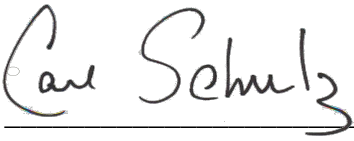
Note: The presentation to the Select Board will be April 5th. On April 6th we will meet ahead of the presentation to the Finance Committee.

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Date Signed

By Carl Schulz, Apr 27, 2022 at 10:22

Date signed:



Attest:

Clerk Wareham Solar Study Committee

Date Submitted

By Carl Schulz, Apr 27, 2022 at 10:21

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: