

**WAREHAM SOLAR BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE
AT BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING
Tuesday April 5, 2022
MINUTES**

7:00 p.m. – Meeting taking place remotely due to COVID-19

To join meeting:

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Select Board Chairperson Judith Whiteside at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Ken Buckland, Director of Planning
Members of the Select Board (except Mr. Titelbaum)
Richard Bowen, Town Attorney
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Members of the Community

3. PRESENTATION TO THE SELECT BOARD

Before beginning Selectman Tropiano asked Chairperson Whiteside if an agenda for the Solar By-Law Study Committee had been duly posted as a majority of the Committee members were present on the ZOOM call. Chairperson McHale confirmed that an agenda had been properly posted.

Chairperson McHale began by thanking the Select Board for forming the Committee and offering us the opportunity to present the results of our work. Chairperson McHale also thank Mr. Buckland for his assistance and support of the Committee.

She then reviewed the work of the Committee and presented an overview of the proposed warrant articulated. The changes / updates to the current by-law were noted and an emphasis was made on how the proposed by-law protects the health, welfare and safety of the Town residents and the improved controls on future project to ensure the best siting in Town. Ms. McHale also reviewed how the

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proposed by-law enhances and expands the protections to environmentally sensitive areas in Town.

Chairperson Whiteside asked that the Committee confirm that a copy of all materials be provide to Ms. Slaney in the Town office.

Selectman Slavin noted that because this was a Town sponsored committee that he had asked Attorney Bowen to review the language of the by-law to ensure that there were no areas of concern or conflict that might cause the AG to reject the by-law. He also reminded everyone of the Governor's significant commitment to alternative energy in general and solar generation in particular.

Selectman Munise asked if canopy solar installations over parking lots would require visual screening or if that requirement had been waived. Chairperson McHale noted that canopy mounted solar less that 250kw are allowed as-of-right and would be subject to the zoning requirements of the zone.

Chairperson Whiteside thanked the Committee for their work.

Ms. Wolk noted that the Committee viewed the by-law as a living document that will need to be maintained and updated as laws, technology, and climate continue to change.

Mr. Schulz noted that the Committee was very cognizant of the Commonwealth's emphasis on solar energy and worked with that and an understanding of Wareham's unique environment to try and provide clear guidelines for siting that protect those characteristics.

Mr. Besse thanked the Select Board for the opportunity for the Committee to work on the by-law and emphasized that he felt that we had prepared a good approach.

Ms. Nichols noted the AG's rejection of the by-law presented at the last Spring Town Meeting and emphasized that this new by-law represents a marked improvement over what is currently in place.

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4. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

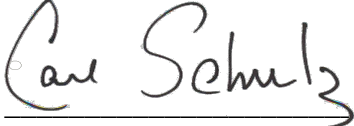
Place: **ZOOM**

Note: This meeting will precede the presentation to the Finance Committee.

Date Signed

By Carl Schulz, Apr 27, 2022 at 10:30

Date signed:

Attest: 

Clerk Wareham Solar Study Committee

Date Submitted

By Carl Schulz, Apr 27, 2022 at 10:30

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: