**Fryeburg Planning Board**

**September Meeting Minutes**

**September 20, 2022 – David and Doris Hastings Community Center**

**Members in Attendance**

Edy Kizaki, Eli Goodwin, Patrick Emery, Tom Rebmann

**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mr. Emery at 6:06 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.

**Review and Approve the Approval of August 25th Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Emery made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Ms. Kizaki seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0 (all in favor).

**Public Planning Board Work Session: Solar Ordinance**

The following numbers were in attendance, seven (7) people from the town, two (2) Maine Water, four (4) Planning Board Members, one (1) Select Man, the Town Manager and the CEO.

The meeting received a lot of input from members of the Conservation Committee.

Allison Leach listed the following concerns: Site Evaluation with DEP (solar companies to accrue cost); Decommission Plan; Clear Cutting Land; Limiting the number of solar projects; creating habitat; planting pollinators; planting.

Nora Schwarz listed the following concerns: Legal Wording; Suggested the town refer to Lovell Ordinance; consider the changes in technology – less impactful; Visual, Trees.

Gena Spencer listed the following concerns: Expressed need for Ordinances; Looking at other towns – Lovell; Look at alternative energy; Limit number of solar projects.

Sherri Billings listed the following concerns: Loss of Habitat; Suggested getting input from the State of Maine on small towns being preyed upon; being conservational minded.

Eli Goodwin listed the following concerns: Use other ordinances such as Sweden, Lovell to help establish new ordinances; Land being taking away from the town; Ordinances in place to hold companies accountable.

Edy Kizaki listed the following concerns: Screening project to save trees; Visual Impact; Limit to certain Zone Areas; Size of Project; Buyer to follow same guidelines; Increase Setbacks; Decommission; Design Standards to be considered in the New Ordinance; Vague Language.

Tom Rebmann asked the public to be involved early on in the process; mentioned there are two (2) openings for alternatives on the Planning Board Committee.

Selectman Tom Klinepeter stated solar companies provide green energy and the biggest complaints are buffers and property values. Suggested the ordinance list conditions since land owners have rights.

**Review and Approve Application for Land Use Authorization for Maine Water.**

Mike Cummons and Dillon with Maine Water explained the temporary building will be used for the filtration system. Maine Water plans to submit a proposal for a permanent solution. Both Mike and Dillon answered questions from the Planning Board and General Public on water quality. Mr. Emery asked about chemicals being store in the new temporary building. Maine Water stated there would be chlorine onsite, but would be stored in spill containments and Maine Water follows OSHA standards.

Mr. Goodwin made a motion to approve application. Mr. Rebmann seconded the motion.

All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Goodwin made a motion to forgo a Public Hearing. Mr. Rebmann seconded the motion.

All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Rebmann made a motion to approve the application with the condition to incorporate 10% window design to the proposed building. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

All in favor (4-0).

**Review and Approve Extension request for eca solar.**

eca solar withdrew their request for an extension.

**Public Forum**

No one from the public attended.

**The next Planning Board meeting will be on October 25th (same time and location).**

Mr. Emery made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chase seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 (All in favor).

**Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**

**Planning Board Work Session to be held on October 18th, 6pm @ Town Office**

Solar Ordinance – Planning Board collectively gathering input from the public.

AIRBNB – Planning Board collectively gathering input from the public.