



TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development

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Planning Board

Meeting Minutes from

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Select Board Room, Town Hall

Planning Board Members Present:

Rick Starodoj (Chairman), Edward Murphy III, Fred Urban, Josh Kusnierz, and Joseph Knight

Staff Present:

Rebekah DeCoursey, Director

Public in Attendance:

Tom Barnes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman R. Starodoj called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by J. Kusnierz to approve the March 12th and May 7th meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Knight. Approved 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Forefront Solar at Banas Farm- This is the town approved project on the landfill and greenfill, and they have reached out regarding a potential 2-year extension of their special permit. The Chairman raised the point that he believed the bylaw restricted any extension to 1 year which was agreed by J. Kusnierz who also preferred a 1-year extension as opposed to 2 years.

319 Palmer Road- This is a proposed self-storage unit project that is currently in front of the Conservation Commission. They will then be coming before the Planning Board for Site Plan Review.

TOWN PLANNER UPDATE

House Rehabilitation Program- This program is through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and has FY 19 money that needs to be spent and is looking for interested people/applicants. Shirley Stevens at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is the contact person for this program and her contact information is available on the town website.

Main Street Reconstruction- Work has started on the traffic light at the corner of West St. & Main. St. and should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks. J. Kusnierz raised the issue of the missing trees along Main St. which have been removed as part of the ongoing Main St. reconstruction project. A new selection/species of trees are being requested that will be more conducive the Main Street environment.

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ADJOURN

Motion by J. Kusnierz to adjourn to executive session in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) Litigation, not to convene in regular session. Seconded by F. Urban and approved 5-0. Adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2020.

Minutes from May 21, 2020
Respectfully submitted by,

Jack Carolan
Department Assistant

<i>Minutes Approved on:</i> <u>6/4/20</u>	
Starodoj	<u>RMS</u>
Urban	<u>[Signature]</u>
Kusnierz	<u>[Signature]</u>
Knight	<u>_____</u>
Murphy	<u>[Signature]</u>