

**Minutes**  
**Town of Essex Planning Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 16, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Chair DeWolff opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**Attendance:** Catherine DeWolff, David Hislop, Anita Shapiro, Tom Stransky, Mark Walker, Jacqueline Thomas

Absent: Anh Thu Cunnion (Excused), Jonathan Pribble (Excused)

Others in Attendance: Karol Kempster, Gladys Person, Russ Shapiro, Curtis Snyder

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes** On a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 19, 2019, by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mr. Hislop, the motion carries, Aye-5 No-0 Absent-2 (Cunnion, Pribble)

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

An application for a solar project at the Jon McBride residence was received from Curtis Snyder (Crest Solar) at the meeting. There was discussion about the project and a way to screen the array. It was decided that the prior permit issued to Mr. McBride (#2019-7 5/16/19) would be amended to include the solar project with the condition that the array would be screened from the road as much as feasible. The type and number of trees/shrubs necessary to be determined by the property owner.

On a motion to approve the amended permit with condition by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mr. Hislop, by roll call vote the motion carries, Aye-5 No-0 Absent-2 (Cunnion, Pribble)

**Report of the Zoning Officer**

Report was received for the month of December 2019.

**Report of the Chair**

Upcoming items include the CATS project (Quarry). It is with APA and they will do a site visit in the Spring. Planning Board should send at least two representatives.

The Eddy Foundation subdivision is with APA for determination.

There was discussion about updating the zoning ordinances. Mr. Stransky will research solar array language, Mr. Hislop will work on a noise ordinance, and Mrs. Shapiro will explore ABB regulations.

There is an opportunity to have on-site training. A 2-hour session for 15 people is \$500 for non-members. The Secretary will research to options.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjourn**

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mr. Walker, and with unanimous consent of the board, Chair DeWolff adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Thomas

Secretary