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## **GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD Minutes of February 8, 2018**

### **Department of Planning and Development 114 Main Street, Greenfield**

The meeting was called to order by the Planning Board Chairperson at 6:05 p.m.

**PB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Linda Smith, Chair; Jamie Pottern, Clerk; George Touloumtzis, Vice-chair; and Alternate Charles Roberts

**ABSENT:** Virginia Desorgher; David Moscaritolo; and Alternate Jim Allen

Charles Roberts was moved up to a regular voting member.

#### Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION:** Moved by Roberts, seconded by Pottern, and voted 3:0:1 (Touloumtzis abstained) to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2018 as amended.

#### Discussion Items:

- a. Proposed amendment to Section 200-7.15. Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations.

The Board reviewed the changes from the February 1, 2018 meeting. Section 200-7.15(C5) should have deleted the language in Sections (s) and (t) from the January 19, 2018 draft and should have replaced it with the new language approved in the February 1, 2018 discussion. Smith asked about setbacks and whether the new setback language for photovoltaic installations exceeding 10 acres should reference adjacent roads. The Board reached consensus to increase the setback to fifty (50) feet if the boundary line of the installation abuts a public roadway. Touloumtzis questioned the need for the language that was approved at the February 1, 2018 meeting to waive height restrictions based on extreme topographical conditions. He questioned whether the need for this waiver had been expressed by a solar project proponent. The Board discussed that the idea had likely originated within the Board in thinking about the hilly site, and that the waiver language may not be needed. Smith reminded the Board that the language could be brought back in later during future committee reviews or public hearings. The Board reached consensus to remove the language approved at the February 1, 2018 meeting and to consider including the language later if the issue of panel height and



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topography were to be brought up by solar proponents. All other proposed changes in the draft were not altered and were approved by the Board.

**MOTION:** Moved by Pottern, seconded by Roberts, and voted 4:0 accept the February 6, 2018 version as revised on February 8, 2018 of the proposed amendments to Section 200-7.15. Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and to forward said amendments to the City Council to initiate the zoning amendment process.

Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Moved by Roberts, seconded by Touloumtzis, and voted 4:0 to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Pottern, Clerk  
Greenfield Planning Board