Lyme Planning Board Minutes March 24, 2022

Present: Tim Cook, John Stadler, Eric Furstenberg, Vicki Smith

Others: Rich Brown

Meeting called to order by Chair Stadler at 7:03PM.

Rich Brown let the Board know that his term has run its course, so Rich is no longer an alternate. Rich would like to be re-appointed. The Planning Board is responsible for appointing its alternates.

Vicki Smith made a motion to appoint Rich Brown as an alternate for a one-year term. Tim Cook seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in support of the motion. The Board welcomed Rich aboard.

The Board turned their attention to the Solar Energy Systems amendment. The goal is to get an outline to the Town about the amendment in order to gain feedback. Details will not be necessarily worked out as the Board is interested in learning from the Town about what they want.

The Board reviewed points about which they wanted feedback from the public. The outline must be conversational in tone so as not to put people off and provide enough information to elicit a response.

The Board agreed to the parameters for a small system whose power could be used in any way (on the property, sold to the grid, powering neighbors' homes). For the large systems, the public will be presented with a general listing of criteria for review. Eric will re-draft John's outline.

Minutes were reviewed for March 10. A correction was mentioned that Rich Menge was not present. John Stadler made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Tim Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

John Stadler gave a report on three webinars that he attended on housing. Much of the success in creating affordable housing happens when water and sewer service are available to support higher densities. The Board discussed ways that affordable housing could be increased in Lyme.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Smith Secretary Pro temps