

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
6/23/2022

Board Members and Staff Present: Tim Cook, Vice Chair; David Kahn, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; Rich Menge, Member; Rich Brown, Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Board Members Absent: John Stadler, Chair;

Members of the Public Present: Hebe Quinton, Jan Williams via Zoom, Susan Musty Via Zoom.

Tim Cook, acting as chair as John Stadler was not in attendance.

Item 1: Acceptance of minutes from 6/9/2022

Tim moved to approve the minutes as amended by Rich Brown and Vicki Smith.

Vicki seconded the motion.

Tim called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Solar Zoning Amendment Discussions.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator passed out copies of all feedback received from the Boards request for feedback. The Board took several minutes to read the document then discussed the information.

The Board discussed the proposed 18-foot height limit. The feedback was not conclusive, some felt it was too high, some too low and others felt it was appropriate. One concern mentioned by several respondents was that the Board should check with manufactures to ensure the height was not too low to prohibit the installation of currently manufactured systems.

Vicki noted that the height limit was the same limit in Hanover and they had not had any issues with systems over 18 feet.

The Board agreed, for the time being, they would keep the 18-foot limit with the possibility of adding special exceptions for taller systems. The Board would also consider adjusting the height limit if more research showed 18 feet was inappropriate.

Vicki suggested that the public input be sent to the Energy Committee for their review. Hebe quinton suggested numbering the comments, prior to sending the input to the Energy Committee in order to facilitate future discussions.

Being close to 9:00pm Tim suggested that the Board postpone discussions of the Master Plan Housing Chapter to the next meeting. There being no disagreement from the other Board members, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Robbins
Lyme Planning and Zoning Administrator.