

**Lyme Planning Board Minutes**  
**4/13/2023**

Board Members and Staff Present: John Stadler, Chair; Tim Cook, Vice Chair; Vicki Smith, Member; Rich Menge, Member; Rich Brown, Alternate; Nat Niles, Alternate; Hebe Quinton, Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Board Members Absent: David Kahn

Members of the Public Present: David Roby.

**Item 1: Acceptance of minutes from 3/23/2023**

Vicki Smith moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Tim Cook seconded the motion.

John Stadler called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 2: Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission request for funding for a Homeowner Development Utility.**

The Board discussed the letter from the Planning Commission and felt that the Town should support the Commissions efforts with funding not to exceed \$500.

Vicki Smith made a motion to request the Select Board provide funding not to exceed \$500 to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission in support of the Homeowner Development Utility.

John Stadler seconded the motion and then called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3: Discussions of proposed Large Solar Energy System ordinance.**

Rich Brown asked if the Board should ask other companies to meet with the Board such as Norwich Solar. The Board believed that the more information they had from different perspectives the better, but felt that they should not have more than one representative at a meeting. Rich Menge volunteered to contact Norwich Solar and set up a meeting with a representative.

The Board discussed mapping parameters. They wanted to see where the 3-phase power and the Conservation overlay Districts were located. They also wanted to discuss with solar installers what the best angles might be to set arrays to collect the maximum amount of power.

The Board discussed the possibilities and the impacts of community solar projects and continued general discussions with no decisions made.

David Roby stated that he was not in favor of large systems unless they directly benefit the residents of Lyme. He also discussed the possibilities of a Town-wide system with battery storage backup.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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