Town of Tyringham

Planning Board Meeting

7:00 PM August 16, 2017

Town Hall, Tyringham, MA 01264

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Mark Curtin, Rebecca Honig, Peter Salinetti, Chas Gonnello, April Roche

Minutes of July 5st were approved

ANRs, Curtesy Notices, Mail:

A Permit for a new construction entry, utility, and garage area for 4 Jerusalem Rd. A building permit for re-roofing at 13 Cooper Creek Rd. Courtesy notice of a solar array in an R-4 zone in GB at 0 West Plane Rd. Courtesy notice of a public hearing for a renovation in Monterey.

Old Business:

We continued our discussion of the bond. We are debating whose responsibility it would be to require the bond – the town or the homeowner where the array or turbine is installed. Mark reports that the question was posed to counsel and the town awaits a response.

We discussed returning to the task of editing the bylaws in the fall.

New Business:

Mark filled us in on the Berkshire Regional Planning Board Training. He shared, "Roles and Responsibilities of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals."

Mark, recommends, based on the meeting, that we adopt The Mullin Rule, as a way to navigate absences. This would allow someone to miss a meeting and still vote on an issue if an issue requires multiple meetings and a planning board member has to miss one of those meetings. The Planning Board will look into this rule and consider adopting it.

It was also recommended in the training that we create a Community Master Plan. Traditionally this plan would cover such things as: goals and policies, land use, open space and recreation, historic preservations, arts, sustainability, etc.

A ZBA member would be need to be present on the Master Plan Committee. We will further discuss the viability of creating such a plan.

We also discussed the possibly of looking into site plan reviews in order to have a better sense of what is in the pipeline. This would make it possible to issue an order of conditions should it be necessary.

Adjourned 7: 53

Our next meeting will be September 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Honig

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To April.