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Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 15, 2025 Livermore Falls Town Office

Attendees: T Barker, C Barker, T Fournier, B Bailey, G Murphy

6:30 pm: T Barker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

1. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The minutes from the December 18th meeting were reviewed and approved with one clerical correction. Motion to Approve B Bailey; Seconded C Barker **VOTE 5-0**

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Solar Ordinance Amendment – Some residents had asked the Select Board if the Town could put a moratorium on Solar Projects in the Town. The Select Board said that they weren't comfortable with a moratorium but had been having some discussion about limiting the size of the Solar Projects. Jim Long, Vice Chair of the Select Board presented an example of what had recently occurred in the Town of Greene. A Massachusetts company had made a proposal to Greene to develop 600 acres for a Solar Project. This project would have provided approximately \$2 million dollars to the town annually. This was presented to the residents in a Public Hearing. During the Town Meeting, the Residents voted against the project. They have updated their Ordinance to restrict the size of Solar Projects in Greene to 15 acres. Mr. Long asked the Planning Board to review this option before a larger project is presented to Livermore Falls. Currently, the largest solar project in Livermore Falls is 20 acres on Souther Road. If there is a change to the Ordinance that would be available for the public's vote in April, a decision will have to be made by the beginning of February so the Planning Board will meet on January 22 to decide.
- B. CEO Position: The Planning Board has recommended to the Town Manager that the CEO position be a full-time position. With several land and building development projects coming to the Planning Board in 2025 as well as the long list of properties that have been identified as non-compliant with many ordinances, the additional hours could easily be justified. And there are no doubt other responsibilities that could be allocated to the CEO's position. Motion to recommend that the CEO position be full time; T Barker, Seconded T Fournier **VOTE 5-0**
The Town Manager attended the meeting and said that she has added the hours to the 2026 Budget.

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- 3.** Next Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:00pm

4. DISCUSSION: The Town Manager said that the owner of Fishbones Cannabis had circulated a petition to collect enough signatures to support the sale of Recreational Marijuana in Livermore Falls. He has collected enough signatures to bring the issue to the voters. However, the petition has specified who can sell and where. The Town Manager will have legal dept. review to confirm that the petition is valid before bringing Recreational Cannabis to the voters. The Planning Board will review the current Medical Cannabis Ordinance to determine how to amend to accommodate verbiage for Recreational Cannabis in the event an amendment will be needed.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Two attendees agreed that there should be restrictions to the size of Solar Projects. They are happy with the new leadership of the town. There was also public support to extend the CEO hours to a full-time position.

7:46: Motion to adjourn B Bailey, Seconded G Long **VOTE 5-0**

Next meeting: January 22, 2025 at 5PM