

MEMBERS:

Bryan White, Chairman
Matt Sousa
Kim Yourch
Sonia Phelan

The meeting began at 7:05 PM

MINUTES:

Mr. White made a motion to approve the March 25, 2024 minutes, seconded by Mr. Sousa. Ms. Yourch voted “aye” to approve.

RESIGNATION:

Mr. David Shields has given his resignation from the Conservation Board. The Conservation members thank him for his service.

Mr. White asked that if any members know of any person interested in becoming members of the Conservation Board let him know. Mr. Sousa said that he will post an article on his neighborhood facebook.

LOCAL LAW:

The Conservation members discussed the draft local law for amending a number of sections of Chapter 165 of the Town Code changing the designation of the A-80 Agricultural District to RA-80 Rural Agricultural District.

The Conservation members had no comment.

OPEN SPACE INDEX:

Ms. Kim Boyd submitted the updated Open Space Index. Mr. White said that Ms. Boyd suggested the board look over the sub area again and look at any updated numbers. Ms. Boyd said that it seems to show a lot of loss. Mr. White suggested the members take a look at this at their June meeting.

SKY SOLAR:

Mr. White updated the members on the Farmington Planning Board public hearing held on April 17, 2024.

Preliminary Site Plan approval to allow for the construction of solar array’s, a transformer area and stand alone battery energy storage system along East Corporate Drive and the future extension of Commercial Drive.

The following are key concerns the public shared.

1. The woods that back up to the lot and how many trees would be removed.
2. The transformer noise (not a generator) that can be heard.
3. Will this create any additional water issues?
4. What type of fence will be placed around the area?
5. Concern about the road along the back of their properties, vehicle traffic and vehicle noise.

The Conservation Board is in favor of increased screening and appropriate plantings at the expense of the developer.

Mr. White will check to see if there are any new Planning Board applications before the May meeting due to the fact that it falls on the Memorial Day holiday. If no new applications then the next meeting will be held on June 24, 2024 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.