

**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**  
**Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road**  
**Wednesday: October 2, 2019**

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**A. Call to Order**

Ron Cervasio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Planning Board Members: Ron Cervasio, Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; Mike Carpenter, Anthony Renzi,  
Lisa Johnston was excused.

Staff: Jennifer Siciliano, Planner; Joanna Achille, Solicitor

Members of the public: Gordon Rogers, Joe and Audrey Carey

**C. Approval of Minutes**

September 18, 2019

Mike Carpenter moved, Ron Cervasio seconded, to approve the minutes of September 18 as corrected.

Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. Ron Cervasio abstained.

**D. Correspondence**

None

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**E. Comments from the Chair**

Ron Cervasio felt that the Planning Board should act as the research and development arm of the Town Council. It is the Planning Board that should keep bringing new ideas to the Town Council.

**F. Blighted Buildings**

Ron Cervasio stated that he has pictures of the blighted commercial properties and will provide them to the Planning Board so that the Planning Board can continue to work on remediation.

**G. Licensing fees**

Ron Cervasio stated that he will make sure that all information gets to the town planner.

**H. Proposed Draft Solar Ordinance**

Anthony Renzi asked about the 200' setback from the property line and stated that he felt that if it were trees it would obstruct the solar vista.

There was discussion about the number of feet of vegetated buffer, view masking, terrain, etc., and the set-back width.

The suggestion was made that there be a section added specifically on terrain masking. Further discussion included the possible location of solar farms (must be near an electrical three-phase supply), clear-cutting of trees (and possible waiting period after clear cutting if the stated purpose is agricultural before introducing solar).

Decommissioning of solar farms: Burrillville has required replanting of trees in every hole from every installation.

Planner Jennifer Siciliano and Solicitor Joanna Achille will continue to work on the ordinance. Helen Hardy will work with Ms. Siciliano.

**I. Adjournment**

Mike Carpenter moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy,  
Secretary