

Approved by a Planning Board vote of 4-0 on September 19, 2019

**TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2019**

1. ROLL CALL. The meeting was called to order by chair, Eileen Skarka at 7:02 pm. Members present were Ervin Curtis, Sonja Sleeper, and Dianne Darling.
2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PLANNING BOARD MINUTES. The 7-18-19 planning board minutes were distributed to all attending members. The minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER). No public present.
4. OLD BUSINESS. The only old business was a continuation of the review of the Putresible Solid Waste and Junk draft Ordinance from last month's meeting. CEO Butler provided a draft of the ordinance which had been reviewed and edited by the town attorney. A discussion ensued where concerns were aired on whether the establishment of a home compost site would be prohibited. CEO Butler stated when a complaint is received, he would investigate if it is a legitimate operating compost stockpile (ie turned periodically). At the conclusion of discussions, the Planning Board voted 4-0 to keep the two edit additions but not the deletion (see attached draft). Also, the planning board by a vote of 4-0 to forward the ordinance draft to the Selectmen for their review and consideration.
5. CEO Report. CEO Butler reported that companies are inquiring on the ability to locate ground mounted solar arrays on large parcels of land in South Thomaston. The current land use ordinance would require an SE planning board permit for siting commercially operated solar arrays. A discussion ensued on whether a separate ordinance for solar arrays is needed since there are some potential hazards. Town administrator (TA) Casas stated it might be useful to set-up a work shop for the planning board regarding solar arrays and agreed to try and set it up in November.

Regarding the upgrading of the shoreland zoning map, TA Casas said it will cost about \$400. By a vote of 4-0, the Planning Board recommended the TA forward the request for paying for the map upgrade to the Selectmen.

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Atwood Lobster has hired a new manager and fired the previous general and operations managers.

At the town landing, there are two boats abandoned which were, allegedly, dumped by Randy Wall. Mr. Wall has been notified to remove the boats by a date certain or the town will remove them in accordance with the landing ordinance.

6. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 7pm.



William Butler
CEO and liaison to the Planning Board