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**TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2019**

1. ROLL CALL. The meeting was called to order by chair, Eileen Skarka at 7:00 pm. Members present were Gabriel Tomasulo, Ryan Minikis, Ervin Curtis, and Dianne Darling.
2. OLD BUSINESS. At the last meeting the CEO reported that there was an error on the shoreland zoning map as it did not list all areas of the shoreland zone. As a result an application for installing a driveway for crossing a major freshwater wetland did not constitute a need for a shoreland zone permit. The application also proposed exiting off the end of Sawblade road. Sawblade Road is a subdivision road. Based on the application and discussions with the applicant's consultant no impacts are likely to either the subdivision road or the adjacent drainage easement. The building permit was issued contingent on the applicant starting no work until the DEP NRPA permit is obtained and coordination with the town road commissioner for assuring the drainage easement is protected. At a vote of 4-0, the Planning Board requested the shoreland zoning map be updated. Town administrator Casas said he will forward the request to the Selectmen.
3. CEO Report. The chair requested from CEO Butler a progress report on the hair salon on Brown's Road. CEO Butler stated the neighbors on Brown's Road filed an appeal and then withdrew it on the night of the appeal. CEO Butler stated that he had been contacted by a solar company for the approval of installing a solar farm in town. Contingent on the specifics it may require Planning Board approval. CEO Butler also gave an update on Atwood Lobster. The town attorney and Atwood Lobster's town attorney are working out a written agreement specific to assure odor issues are managed properly. CEO Butler also stated that he was following up on a tip that Atwood Lobster was accepting spoiled bait.
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PLANNING BOARD MINUTES. The 6-20-19 planning board minutes were distributed to all attending members. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER). No public present.
6. ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT WORK SHOP. Planning Board Member Curtis presented a draft ordinance for review and comment by Planning Board members. At the last meeting, examples of ordinances were suggested by CEO Butler to the Board. Mr. Curtis, using one of the ordinances as a guide, presented an ordinance draft. The two major pieces of the re-write were exempting the orderly storage of lobster traps and fishing gear and clarifying and simplifying the enforcement remedies (Section D). CEO Butler said he would incorporate the revisions and present it to the Board at their next meeting (August 15th).
7. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



William Butler
CEO and liaison to the Planning Board