

Town of Shirley Planning Board

March 25, 2026

Minutes

In Attendance: Debi Baker, Scott Phillips, Normand Beckwith, Edward Gwara and Brian Turner

Meeting Called to Order 4:03 PM by Scott

**Secretary's Report**-emailed to all by Debi and read for review by Scott

**Ongoing Business**

**Cannabis Ordinances and forms**

-Still looking for selectmen to set up public hearing if necessary to file changes

**Building Code/Land Use Ordinance**

-Still looking for comment from selectmen and set up public hearing for changes

**New Business**

**New Planning Board Members**

-We are pleased to welcome our newest planning board members; Edward Gwara and Norman Beckwith.

**Brian's Report**

-No permit activity

**Solar Ordinance**

-Marc reworked our Draft 1 and 2 and emailed it to members to go over before the meeting. We will keep the application for the Solar Ordinance separate from the ordinance. Debi looked up some applications and they are quiet complicated. Meantime we had a discussion on does the town even want an ordinance for solar farms or do they want to not allow them in Shirley. We decided to have a hearing at this point on our working ordinance Mark has been working on and see what the town thinks. We are requesting to have a public hearing on our proposed Shirley Solar Ordinance on Monday April 20, 2026 at 6:00pm in the library.

**Other Business**

**More Planning Board Books**

Scott will make up new books for the two new members. He will see Brandie on coping ordinances. Debi will forward what she has.

**Pay**

Debi will ask Vera: Can the two new members choose to not get paid? Also we feel getting a paycheck every meeting is an expense and not necessary. Can we go back to getting paid 1 or 2 times a year?

**Appeals Board**

We are concerned that we only have one person on the Appeals Board and request the Selectmen full the positions.

**Next Meeting** will be in May after the Solar hearing at 4:00pm

Adjourned 5:00 pm

Attendance sheet and Solar Ordinance attached

Submitted by Debi Lynne Baker-Secretary