

Town of Shirley Planning Board

April 20, 2026

Minutes

In Attendance: Debi Baker, Scott Phillips, Marc Constantine, Norman Beckwith, Edward Gwara and Brian Turner

Meeting Called to Order 4:00 PM by Scott

**Secretary's Report**-emailed to all by Debi. Corrections also sent to all on 4/15/26

**New Planning Board Members**

-Edward Gwara and Norman Beckwith still need to be nominated by selectmen and sworn in as members. Scott will talk to Berry for appointments and Ed and Norm will see Brandy to be sworn in

**New Business**

**Brian's Report**

-No permit activity

**Town of Shirley Solar Energy Ordinance for Personal Residential and Personal Commercial**

Using the Town of Harrington ordinance as a guide, we wrote our own ordinance for personal residential and commercial solar energy ordinance. This gives voters an alternative ordinance to our Shirley Solar Ordinance.

**Ongoing Business**

**Solar Ordinance**

-Marc corrected Commercial Solar Ordinance Draft 3. We went over it and found not changes. Marc will work on a bit of pagination and send to Bandy.

**Cannabis Ordinances and forms**

**Building Code/Land Use Ordinance**

**Budget Committee Ordinance**

We are requesting to have a public hearing on our proposed Shirley Solar Ordinance, Town of Shirley Solar Energy Ordinance for Personal Residential and Personal Commercial, Cannabis Ordinances and forms, Building Code/Land Use Ordinance, Budget Committee Ordinance on May 11, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Old Shirley Town Hall.

We are asking Brandy to post the Hearing at the Mail Boxes and Town Offices, and Moosehead Journal and to also put the proposed ordinances on the Town Web site.

-Debi and Norm will put up the sign board outside the Town Hall

-Scott will arrange for a Handicap Porta Potty

-Marc will get the two solar ordinances to Brandy.

-Debi will make sure Brandy has the other ordinances.

## **Other Business**

### **Pay**

-Debi asked Vera, Can the two new members choose to not get paid. She wrote a nice explanation to this question and note was forwarded to Ed and Norm.

-Also we feel getting a paycheck every meeting is an expense and not necessary. Vera and Debi Decided that 2 times a year is sufficient, just as long as the year is handed in by June closure of expenses.

### **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 a hearing on May 11, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Old Shirley Town Hall

Adjourned 6:00 pm

Submitted by Debi Lynne Baker-Secretary