

Town of Shirley Planning Board

July 20, 2026

Minutes

In Attendance: Debi Baker, Scott Phillips, Edward Gwara, Brian Turner and Steven Simpson

Meeting Called to Order 4:00 PM by Scott

Secretary's Report-emailed to all by Debi.

Old Business

Review of Building Permit from Rick Lavigne

Brian did issue a building permit to Rick to move his shed. Our Building Codes states 20 feet setback near a **dwelling** not a building and does not pertain to an outbuilding.

Solar Ordinances

Scott clarified which ordinance was voted in at the town meeting. It was the more restricted one with only personal and personal business solar fields.

New Business

Steve Simpson came in to tell us of his plan to divide his lot 18A, 110 and 112 on Lower Shirley Corner Road with his joint owner his sister, Kim. His portion will then be gifted to his 4 children and himself. See attached papers he gave to planning board. We discussed and everything is in compliance to our rules.

Tax Exempt Property

Our existing ordinance is out of date and does not align with the states. We discussed revising or eliminating this ordinance. Brain agreed that an ordinance like this is always changing. All voted in favor to eliminate this ordinance. Scott will ask the selectmen to put on the next town meeting for a vote.

Other Business

Appeals Board

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

Next Meeting : Monday, August 17, 2026

Adjourned 4:45 pm

Submitted by Debi Lynne Baker-Secretary