

Town of Sandisfield
Board of Selectmen Meeting

Meeting of Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Chairman Skrip convened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Those present: Selectmen: Mark Newman and John Skrip; Town Manager Fred Ventresco; Fire Chief Ralph Morrison; Conservation Committee Chair Paul Gaudette; Planning Board Chair, Gary Bottum; Planning Board member Robert O'Brien.

1. Review, discuss and vote on proposed Solar Bylaw

Planning Board Chair Gary Bottums was there to present to the Board the draft of the proposed solar bylaw. He and the Town Administrator explained that the Board of Selectmen need to approve this, should they so choose, and then send it to the Town attorney to look over. There is a strict timeline and sequence of events that must take place in order for this to appear at the May Annual Town Meeting for voter approval. The next step is the Selectmen's approval here tonight.

There were some questions about the height limits of any solar developments. It was pointed out that this is specified in the by-laws. It is a maximum of 15 feet in height for ground-mounted systems. The specifics of this and other situational and dimensional positioning are in the bylaw. It was also pointed out that for large scale systems that all have to obtain a special permit.

Motion by Selectman Newman to approve going forward with the draft solar bylaw as presented; motion seconded by Selectman Skrip. All voted in favor, unanimous.

The Town Administrator will send to the draft bylaw to the attorney and send the results immediately to planning Board Chair.

2. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman