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SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2013 – 6:00 PM

TOWN HALL, MAHOGANY ROOM, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

- **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM**
- **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**
 - 1. Proposed Changes to Town Bylaws and Timeframe for Action
- **ADJOURNMENT**

November 13, 2013

On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a Workshop meeting at Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Vice-Chairman Ouellette presided, present: Arthur Harrington, Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard and Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator. Absent: John Duval

Member Ouellette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

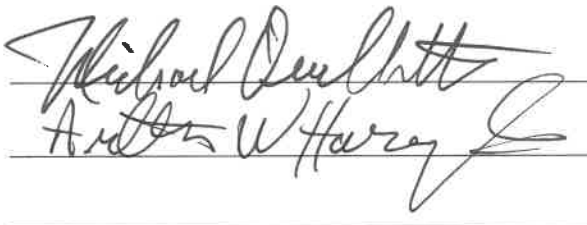
Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator wanted to discuss with the Board the time frame involved to adopt the Solar Bylaw. A tentative schedule was given out and discussed with the Members concerning the process the Planning Board will need to complete before this is brought to Town Meeting for approval.

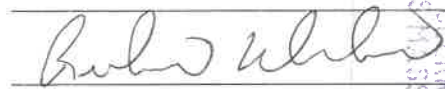
The proposed Zoning bylaw changes were given to the Board in draft form to give them a general idea of what is required in the new bylaw. There was questions by the Board regarding the large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic, it was decided at this time to wait and see how the state identifies what is large or small and stays close to their definitions. Donna Cesan, Community Development Director stated that this draft is offered at this time to provide an outline of the likely sections of a completed solar bylaw for the Town; she also attached the Attorney General's Form – 7 which is used to verify that the Town has complied with all procedural requirements for enacting zoning bylaws.

Member Nowak commented that he attended the Planning Board meeting regarding the solar project on Spring Road. There were a lot of allegations against Town Officials; there was a lot of exasperation from residents of the area. In short it was just ugly and he wants to try to bring the community together, he would like to put a moratorium on future solar projects till a bylaw is completed. This project is bigger than the Board and he feels this project will be settled in court and this will be an indicator of solar in Town, he would like something in place soon. Member Blanchard commented that there were rumors stating that the Town was in negotiations with the developer to purchase electric, this is incorrect. It is the School Department and the Water District not the Town of Adams.

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Nowak to adjourn at 6:39 PM – Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary


Arthur W. Harrington



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