

CITY OF EASTHAMPTON PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
50 Payson Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Chair: Jesse Belcher-Timme

Board Members:

X	Christopher Cockshaw	X	Harry Schumann	X	James Zarvis
Absent	Daniel Hartman	X	Ken Iavecchia	X	Jesse Belcher-Timme

Recording Clerk: Curtis Wiemann

City Planner: Jeff Bagg

Assistant City Planner: Curtis Wiemann

Guests:

- Call to Order: 6:00pm Jesse Belcher-Timme by remote participation
- Public Speak:
 - None.
- Planning Board Minutes:
 - November 7, 2021
 - After review, Member Chris Cockshaw made a motion to approve the minutes for November 7, 2021 with an amendment to correct the date. Ken Iavecchia seconded. All were in favor and the vote passed 5-0.
- Approval Not Required (ANRs)
 - None
- Election of Officers
 - Member James Zarvis made a motion to nominate Jesse Belcher-Timme as Chair. Member Chris Cockshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.
 - Chair Jesse Belcher-Timme made a motion to nominate James Zarvis as co-chair. Member Chris Cockshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.
- Public Hearing(s)
 - None
- Other Business
 - Updates to Solar Ordinance
 - Assistant Planner Curtis Wiemann presented at length regarding the Solar Ordinance, outlining changes to the existing Section 7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance

including the delineation of new solar facility types, new permitting requirements for each type, Conservation Commission review, and the proposed Limited Solar Overlay District.

- Member James Zarvis asked about the scale of building-mounted solar and whether existing solar would be deemed pre-existing and conforming. Assistant Planner Curtis Wiemann replied that building-mounted solar would be by-right at any scale, and that existing permitted solar facilities would be deemed pre-existing and conforming.
- The Planning Board discussed the proposed amendments to the Solar Ordinance to date and about timeline, data sources, and applicability. No objections were raised as to the content, but the Board reserved the right to formally review the proposed Ordinance during the adoption process when appropriately referred to the Board by the City Council Ordinance Committee.

Adjournment: Member James Zarvis made a motion to adjourn. Ken Iavecchia seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.