

Heath Planning Board Meeting

Town of Heath

Planning Board

March 13 at 7:00pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Called to order at 7:14pm

Attendance:

Peter Charow

Will and Anne Emmett

Douglas Mason

Jesse Brekelbaum for Ken Gilberts solar array

Jesse Weigand

Barbara Rode (recording)

Agenda:

Review Ken Gilberts solar project and site plan review.

A&C are by right with a “site plan review”, there is no special permit process under 25 K and 25’. Building setbacks must be met for ground mounted systems.

We approved the site plan review, Peter motioned, Will seconded, passed unanimously.

Review minutes from 1/3/2024. We decided to add a link to shooting range state bylaws.

(Doug added the link and posted the minutes on 3/14).

Will moved that we approve, Peter seconded, passed unanimously.

Discuss and write our annual report. (short paragraph for town meeting)

Passed over

Discuss needs for further clarification and what to bring to Town Meeting 2024

Sound bylaw.

Passed over

5G wireless bylaw:

Passed over

6.6. PURPOSE.

The Town of Heath and other towns have recently been the target of interest for the construction of a buildout of 5G antennae on the existing electrical/telephone poles, which potentially could affect the Town as a whole. The Town of Heath currently has inadequate or no bylaws relating to this type of infrastructure. The entire town already has Wi-Fi, so such a buildout seems unnecessary. There is an identifiable community need to establish long-term zoning regulations to ensure that such uses and development will be consistent with the Town’s long term planning interests. It is crucial that the Town act now to establish a temporary moratorium on the buildout of 5G and similar wireless systems and the issuance of building permits in connection with same.

6.7. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Town of Heath Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, no building permit may be issued for the construction of any 5G wireless system, or similar network until July 1, 2025. The purpose of this moratorium is to allow sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures

and systems in the town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

Updated solar bylaw.

Passed over

Adjourned 7:55pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas Mason
Heath Planning Board Chair**

Original posting:

Douglas Mason is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Heath Planning Board

Time: Mar 13, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 964 923 5458

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The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed.

and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Posted by Douglas Mason, Planning Board Chair, on 3/11/2024.