

Heath Planning Board Meeting

April 10th at 7:00pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 964 923 5458

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{A direct link can be found on the Heath Calendar}

Agenda:

- Review minutes from 2/13/2024.
- Approve our annual report for ATM 2024.
- Discuss and write our 2024-25 budget.
- Discuss potential changes to the Heath Zoning Bylaws to work on this year. (for ATM 2025, not ATM 2024):
 - Sound bylaw.
 - Updated solar bylaw.
 - 5G wireless bylaws (actual changes or temporary moratorium):

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.

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 4/5/2024.