



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET  
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263**

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**MEETING MINUTES OF Thursday September 5, 2019**

**ITEM 1. - CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order at 7:00 P.M. by Paul Nickerson Chairman

**ITEM 2. - ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Nickerson Chairman  
Clayton Wood Vice Chairman  
Daren Nielsen  
James Adams – Ex officio Alternate  
Arthur O'Hara – Alternate  
Larry Konopka – Alternate  
Ray Ramsey – Alternate  
Adam Gauthier - Alternate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Matt St. George  
Carl Anderson – Ex officio Alternate

Paul Nickerson called Adam Gauthier as a voting member for Matt St. George.

**ITEM 3. - PUBLIC INPUT**

Paul Nickerson opened public input at 7:03 p.m., there was no public input and Paul Nickerson closed public input at 7:04 p.m.

**ITEM 4. - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2019 MEETING**

Clayton Wood: I make a motion to approve July 18, 2019 minutes as written.

Daren Nielsen: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries 3-0-2 Paul Nickerson – yes, Daren Nielsen – yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Adam Gauthier – abstain, Jim Adams - abstain

**ITEM 5. - SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Jim Adams stated they are getting ready for budget system.

**ITEM 6. - MEMBERS CONCERNS**

Adam Gauthier inquired if 40 Carroll Street came before the Planning Board for a change of use. Larry Konopka stated that the Zoning Board approved a variance for the parking requirement, and that the Zoning Administrator only suggested that a variance for parking was needed.

Adam Gauthier inquired about mobile homes in trailer parks, and if they have procedures to follow from the town to remove and replace them. Paul Nickerson stated he does not believe so from the Planning Board and that the Selectboard handles those situations.

Paul Nickerson updated the board stating that the solar farm is moving forward and that New England Solar Garden purchased the property on Loudon Road. Paul Nickerson also updated the board concerning an application that has come in and the reasons it has not made it to a board meeting. POINT OF ORDER from Larry Konopka because he does not believe they should be discussing an application that is not in front of them.

**ITEM 7. – MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE LETTER from Ralph Odell – Community Input**

Paul Nickerson inquired with the board if they had a chance to review the letter. Clayton Wood suggested contacting Ralph Odell to request the plan before the Planning Board Meeting Ralph Odell will be presenting the plan at so they can have a chance to review it.

Larry Konopka stated that he has been going to the Master Plan Committee meetings and Ralph Odell put in a request to have him appointed to the Master Plan Committee. Larry Konopka stated that the committee is really short handed and he would like to be appointed to the Master Plan Committee.

Adam Gauthier: I make a motion to appoint Larry Konopka to the Master Plan Committee.

Jim Adams: Second.

Discussion: Daren Nielsen expressed his concern having one person on three land use boards and gave the reasons why. There was some discussion pertaining to who was on the committee and has not been attending regularly to meet the quorum requirement to have a meeting. Larry Konopka stated that there are other members of the board that are on several boards at the same time, and stated that if there were people on the committee that would allow progress to be made by the Master Plan Committee he would not be requesting to participate. Adam Gauthier stated that he is on several boards and feels that we should accept the help that is being offered and be thankful for people being so committed to help the town prosper.

Vote carries 3-2-0 Paul Nickerson – yes, Adam Gauthier – yes, Jim Adams – yes, Daren Nielsen – no, Clayton Wood – no

Arthur O'hara expressed his desire to help the Master Plan Committee as well. Arthur also stated that he would be on 3 boards as well.

Adam Gauthier: I make a motion to appoint Arthur O'hara to the Master Plan Committee.

Jim Adams: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries – Paul Nickerson – yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Jim Adams – yes, Adam Gauthier – yes, Daren Nielsen – yes

Adam Gauthier mentioned that Bonnie Theriault sent an email stating the importance of having at least one meeting a month. Clayton Wood stated that they should always have the meeting at the beginning of the month and discussed what they can discuss if there is nothing on the agenda.

Jim Adams mentioned that the Planning Board should get their budget ready to present to the Selectboard, and mentioned that Cara Marston will notify the board when they can present their budget.

#### ITEM 8. – ADJOURNMENT

Adam Gauthier: I make a motion to adjourn

Clayton Wood: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries Paul Nickerson – yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Jim Adams – yes, Adam Gauthier – yes, Daren Nielsen – yes Meeting ended at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:

Paul Nickerson      Oct 3, 2019  
Chair