

**Town of Otisfield
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Town Office Annex
5.9.23**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair – Scott Arn
2. Attendance: Chair – Scott Arn, Vice Chair – Stan Brett, John Ywoskus, Herb Olson
Selectmen: Rick Micklon
Code Enforcement Officer: Fred Collins

Absent: Sarah Burnham, Pauline Flagg – Temporary Alternate
No Secretary, Scott Arn to take notes

3. **Announcement of Quorum:** quorum present
4. **Approve Secretary Report (from Karen Turino):**
 - A. Regular Meeting Minutes of 2.14.23. ***Motion to Accept minute.** JY/SBrett – Unanimous
 - B. 2.14.23 Public Meeting Minutes. ***Motion to Accept minutes.** SBrett/JY – Unanimous
5. **Discussion & Comments from Public:**
 - A. None

6. Site Plan Review Applications:

A. Kenneth and Jennifer Hawley, Field of Faith on Lodge Hill, 437 Bean Road, MapR04, Lot39
Kenneth and Jennifer introduced themselves to the Board and briefly described their backgrounds and goals Field of Faith on Lodge Hill. This will be year round business hosting 50-100 people per event which will include retreats, weddings, reunions etc primarily on weekends between the hours of 10am and 10 pm. Venue will include 4 campsites with permanent platforms and fire rings. Among the PB questions were:

- Domestic waste handling
- Screening of planned porta-potties from street/public view
- Parking size/location
- Status of responses from Otisfield Fire Chief, State Fire Marshal

After some discussion, PB suggested site visit prior to next schedule PB would be helpful. Applicants welcomed suggestion and scheduled for 5:30 on 6/13 at 437 Bean Road.

7. Shoreland Zoning Applications:

A. None.

8. Miscellaneous Applications:

A. None.

9. Subdivision Application:

A. None

10. Upcoming Dates:

- A. Planning Board Regular Meeting 6.13.23 7pm
- B. Fields of Faith site visit at 6.13.23 5:30 pm, meet at site

11. Discussion & comments from Code Enforcement Officer:

A. None.

12. Discussion & comments from Board:

A.

13. Unfinished Business:

A Solar Energy Generation Systems Ordinance amendments for legal review/submission to Select Board. Members in attendance reviewed proposed amendments. Herb Olson was concerned that exemptions to town gave unfair advantage for solar development to town. Scott responded this could be only for municipal use providing benefit only to the town and could only proceed after approval of the town by vote at the town meeting. Stan had questions about whether this provided an opportunity for private development cooperation on town property. Discussion concluded proposed amendments do not address this. Motion to approve language as proposed – JY. Second SB and unanimously approved.

14. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn at 9 PM. JY, second SB – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Arn, Chair

Approved by Scott Arn, Chair
Otisfield Planning Board

Signature

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Arn', is written over a horizontal line.

Approved on June 13, 2023