

**Whately Historical Commission  
April 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Alan McArdle, Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Darcy Tozier, Donna Wiley

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.

Minutes of February 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

Discussion of proposed Verizon cell tower in West Whately:

- Alan shared images from the first balloon test (180 feet). Results of the test indicate that the tower is not visible at any sites in the West Whately Historic District.
- Alan will send an email to Don Sluter of the Planning Board to say the Historical Commission does not object to the tower because there is no impact of historical concern.

Discussion of two proposed solar arrays on Christian Lane which are up for site plan review:

- Alan shared documentation regarding the proposed arrays. There are no historical buildings at either site.
- Alan will check with Archaeological Services at UMass to ask if building on these sites is likely to have prehistoric impact.
- Alan will check with Gary Sanderson (Judy will provide Gary's contact information) to see if he knows of any reasons for concern.
- Judy will contact the engineer to better understand the mechanics of the proposed ground mounting in order to assess impact.
- The Commission voted to postpone a decision until we have more information regarding potential impact.

The next meeting will be on May 15 at 5:00pm at the Town Office Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.