

Minutes of the  
Whately Historical Commission Meeting  
December 05, 2018 at 5:00pm

Present: Alan McArdle, Donna Wiley, Judy Markland, Darcy Tozier.

Guests: Alan Sanderson, Tom Sadowski, Ben Wadham, Brad Sanderson, Kalani Willis, Greg Sweetser.

The minutes of the meeting of October 22 were approved.

**North St Solar Discussion:**

In an open discussion, guests raised concerns about the size and visibility of the project, as well as its presence on a priority heritage landscape and proximity to a historic road. Several also expressed concern about the impact on the Belder farm and agreed that this should be brought to the attention of the Agricultural Commission.

Commission members who participated in the ZBA-requested site walk on December 1 noted that marking the corners of the two proposed site plans (original and amended) had only heightened their understanding of the unavoidable impact of the solar installation on the historic agricultural landscape and the view from North Street.

The Historical Commission voted unanimously to write to the ZBA before its December 6 hearing to recommend that zoning bylaws forbidding installation of large-scale solar farms in A/R 1 be upheld, and that both the variance and special permit applications for the project be denied.

**CPC Applications:**

Judy and Donna are working on two CPC proposals, drafts of which were reviewed by the Commission. The Historical Society application for restoration of the stage curtain does not include a definitive plan for its reinstallation, but there are several options.

Secondly, Donna will submit a placeholder CPC application for funds to restore the old town safe. The conservator selected by the Historical Commission will make a site visit on December 21, after which we will have a formal assessment of its condition and estimate of work needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019, at 5 pm in Town Hall.