

**TOWN OF SMITHVILL
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Board member Kehl called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Planning Board Members Present: Marie Kehl, Robert Brooks, Joseph Brant, Kenneth Whitmore, and Donna Marie Utter, Clerk.

Planning Board Members Absent: Joseph Warren

Others in Attendance:

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by Board member Whitmore, seconded by Board member Brant, to approve the April 2, 2025 minutes as presented.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- Solar Systems Applications – Two Solar System Applications were received from the County, which bypassed the Town. They were for home installations so would not have had to be approved by the Planning Board.

- Anthony David who owns 10 acres by the fire station has been in contact with Board member Whitmore keeping him up-to-date on what he is doing with the property. Currently looking at putting in 2 camper pads and making the site a camping rental site.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Design Connect Team meeting- Board member Kehl reported that the students from Cornell did a nice presentation on a design for Cook Park. Their major recommendation was for a designated parking area. Visitors park near camping sites that campers have paid to use. Cook Park is a county park so it would be up to the county to make any changes to the park.

2. Solar Energy Systems Law – A copy of the revised Solar Energy Systems proposed law which was forwarded to the Town Board for their input. Information from Town Board member Shane Butler regarding some recommended changes was received. Shane also suggested including something related to Battery Storage and sent copies of the Town of Guilford's Renewable Energy Systems law which includes battery storage and a standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems law from the Town of Columbus for our review.

- After some discussion, the Board suggested changing the Solar Energy Systems Law into a Renewable Energy & Battery Energy Storage Systems Law and including the information on Wind Energy and Battery Energy Storage from the Town of Guilford and Town of Columbus laws into our new proposed law. Members will review the wind and battery laws for any changes for the next meeting in July.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was made by Board member Whitmore, seconded by Board member Brant.

Next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter, Clerk
Smithville Town Planning Board