## TOWN OF WINCHENDON

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## **Minutes** Regular Meeting Wednesday July 12, 2017 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, Peg Corbosiero, Lois Abare, David Plummer, Yvonne,

Harrington, via telephone Mary Harrington

Members Absent: Jay McCronon

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Beaureguard, Chris Meyerhoff Solar Representative

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes as amended of the 5-10-2017 Regular Meeting Corbosiero/Abare 6-0 Approved @ 6:07 pm.

Motion to approve the minutes as mended of the 6-14-2017 Regular Meeting Corbosiero/Abare 5-0 Approved, 1 Absention @ 6:10 pm.

Public Comment: None were heard

Member Comments: Mrs. Corbosiero was very pleased with the turnout for the Zip Trip at the Ice Cream Shop. 9 gallons of ice cream was scooped and given away.

80 Old Center: Mr. & Mrs. Beauregard are in attendance along with Solar representative Chris Meyerhoff. The Beauregards are looking for permission to install solar panels on their historic home. Mr. Meyerhoff distributed his plans. He explained there is a 30 year life expectancy for the panels. The Beauregards are purchasing the panels, and therefore will be responsible for all upkeep and repairs. Mrs. Beauregard is interested in making her home "green" and sustainable. Mr. Meyerhoff encouraged the Commission to look at his work at the Hancock Shaker Village. He feels the solar panels did not compromise the integrity of the historic look of the village. The Commission is interested in keeping the look of the of Old Center in tact. Mr. Bohan is concerned the panels can be seen from the road and by the neighbors. Mr. Plummer takes no issue and is in favor. Mrs. Corbosiero stated if the



She is also interested in how other towns have handled such situations, Ms. M. Harrington has done research on other Historic Commissions with this situation. She found there were both yes and no votes and recognizes the need for compromise. Ms. Harrington will send her research to other members. Mr. Plummer would like to approve project and move it along. The remaining members would like more information. Mr. Bohan to reach out to Mr. Skelly for hearing guidance and will notify abutters if necessary. The Commission has decided to table until next month, but will provide their determination at that time.

Historic Commission Policies: Item will be tabled for this meeting.

Other Business: Ms. Corbosiero reminded Commission of the need for reorganization. This item will appear on the August agenda along with review of the policies.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2017 at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn: Corbosiero/Abare* 5–0 Approved 6:52pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenelle Sroczynski Board Secretary