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## **Minutes**

Regular Meeting Wednesday August 9, 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, Jay McCronon, Yvonne Harrington

Members Absent: Peg Corbosiero, Lois Abare, David Plummer, Mary Harrington

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Beaureguard,

Meeting called to order: 6:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the 7-12-2017 Regular Meeting Harrington/Bohan 2-0 Approved with 1 Abstention @ 6:10 pm.

**Public Comment:** None were heard

Member Comments: None were heard

80 Old Center: Mr. & Mrs. Beauregard are in attendance. They are seeking the Commissions support and approval for installing solar panels on their historic home. The Beauregards have signed the loan for the panels and are hoping to have the issue resolved at this meeting. Mr. McCronon will abstain from any vote as his property abuts the project. Ms. Harrington does not like the look of the ground solar panels and would rather see the roof project advance. Mr. Bohan presented the Commission with several pictures from Mass historic illustrating the various historic homes with solar panels. The Commission recognizes the need for solar policies regarding solar projects in the Winchendon Historical District. Mr. Bohan is concerned with making a decision with there being no policies or guidelines in place. He stated one change can chip away at the historic district. He is welcoming to any ideas the Beauregards may have. Mrs. Beauregard presented pictures of her home to explain the placement of the panels and the impact on the sight lines of the district. Mrs. Beauregard also stated the structural integrity of her home would not be changed, and to her that is historic preservation. Mr. McCronon offered his landscaper expertise to the Beauregards with respect to planting a "green canopy" to shield the panels once the canopy is mature. The

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Beauregards were very receptive to the idea. The Commission was very pleased with the "joint effort" put forth by both parties. *Motion to conditionally approve installation of solar panels on the roof of 80 Old Center after approval of shade trees to be planted Harrington/Bohan 2-0 Approved with 1 Abstention @*, 7:00 pm.

**<u>Historic Commission Policies:</u>** Item will be tabled for this meeting.

**Reorganization of Commission:** Item will be tabled for this meeting

Other Business: None was heard

Next Meeting: September 13, 2017 at 6pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Harrington/McCronon 3–0 Approved 7:12pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenelle Sroczynski Board Secretary Minutes Approved By: