

Worthington Planning Board working Meeting: September 24, 2025

In Attendance:

Bart Niswonger
Kate Bavelock
Kathy Ford
Nestor Matthews
Anna Maunz

Agenda:

• Discussion of two large scale solar projects under consideration for Worthington

- Talk to Town Council- get confirmation in writing about the special permit.
- * questions about if both parties agree can we push the 65 days back?

Special Permit: Ridge Road

- Paper work comes in
- 35 days for other town districts to respond
- 65 Days to have public meeting after paper work comes in
- then 90 days to decide if we issue a special permit or not.
- Site plan Review is 65 days from Deeming complete

Site Plan Review: The place for contingencies.: Ideally get a framework from consultant.

-Town Council had a recommendation for consultation: Bart meeting with her on Friday.

-Talk to Shade Tree Commission about buffer zone between the solar fields and other properties. - How to help preserve the rural character. Belchertown has 150' set back.

Goal for Timeline:

October 16: deem complete

Last Week of October: Certified mailings sent out

Week of November 3rd/ November 10th have to publicly list the Public Listening Session:

Newspaper Public Notices

November 20th: Listening Session Hearing Meeting: December 4th.

December 4th: Planning Board Meeting

December 16th: Hold Public Meeting to Approve Site Plan Review

- **Discussion of Safe Routes to School and other walkability grants:** No

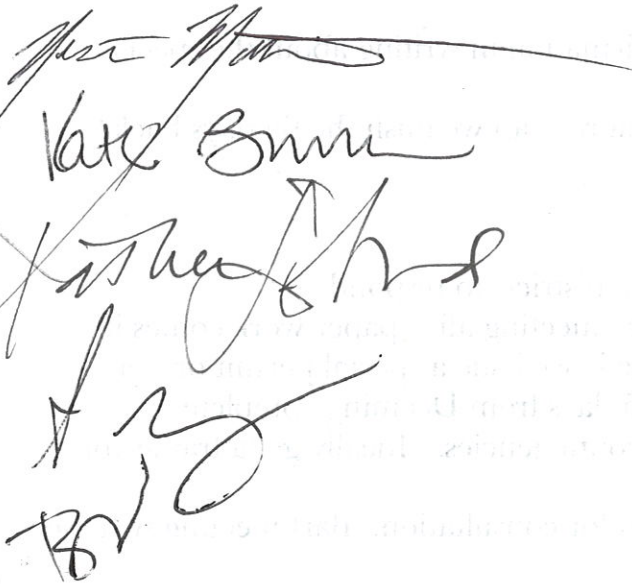
Updates

- **ADU Regulations Update and discussion:** No Updates
- **Discussion of fall 2025 meeting, larger planning process:** No Longer
- **TO DOS:**

Bart:

- Talking to Consultant: Bart will report back to us about consultation.
 - * Executive Session to meet with consultant?
- Bart to reach out other consultants for procurement.

- Approval of past minutes



Peter M...

Kate B...

Katherine...

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Goal Setting

October 1st - 1st meeting
November 1st - 2nd meeting
December 1st - 3rd meeting
January 1st - 4th meeting
February 1st - 5th meeting
March 1st - 6th meeting
April 1st - 7th meeting
May 1st - 8th meeting
June 1st - 9th meeting
July 1st - 10th meeting
August 1st - 11th meeting
September 1st - 12th meeting