

ORIGINAL

**Town of Pittston
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2024**



Board Members Present: Marlene Colvin (Chair), Terry Shepherd (vice-chair), Jim Lothridge, Dan Taggart, Peter Kelley, Rodney Hembree

Other Town Officials Present:

Recorder: Marie-Anne Flowers

1. **Call to Order** 6:30 PM
2. **Approval of Old Minutes** Approved 6-0-1
3. **Public Hearing** No public hearing tonight
4. **Pre-Application Review:**
 - a. **Nehumkeag Pond, LLC Map U-18 Lot # 2** Representatives from Bluewave were present and reviewed their plan for a solar project located on Kelley Road and will have 2392 panels installed. The property is owned by Jill Adams. Jill wishes to install a solar array on property that she has inherited, to keep the property in the family. She does not live on this property but does maintain the property and a relative is currently living there. Some of the concerns from the board included DEP testing that needs to be completed, the location of wetlands and vernal pools, the distance from the road, and whether the solar panels will be visible from the road. Marlene Colvin suggested trees be planted to block the view of the panels, as well as moving the solar panels farther back on the lot if possible. There are no plans to expand the size of the solar array in the future. The board will review the application at the next Planning Board meeting on June 13, 2024

Site visit: June 29

Hearing: July 11

5. **Jeff & Leah Bickford re: Bottle Redemption Business** This business had been approved in 2021 to include a store and redemption business under the name of "Halletts Hilltop Redemption". That business was closed and they now wish to eliminate the store and just provide bottle redemption services. The name will be changed to "Waste to Worth Redemption". The board determined that the Bickfords do not need to go through the planning board process again, as they were already approved in 2021. The business was closed briefly but they now wish to reopen after doing minor repairs and improvements to the location. The hours of operation will be Tuesday – Friday 9 to 4 and Saturday 8-5. The board voted 6-0-1 to allow the business to reopen.

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6. Application Review:

- a. David Jensen, Lot 44 David canceled due to not having the survey completed in time for the meeting. He asked to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. He will fill out an application prior to that meeting.

7. Action Items Locate Pete Kelley's solar project application for Ellery.

8. Next Meeting June 13 (6:30 pm)

9. Adjournment 7:26 pm 6-0-1

Respectfully submitted by:



Marie-Anne Flowers, Planning Board Administrative Assistant 06.13.24
Date


Marlene Colvin, Planning Board Chair 6/13/24
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Terry Shepherd, Planning Board Vice Chair 6/13/24
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Rodney Hembree Date


Daniel Taggart 6-13-24
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Jim Lothridge Date


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