



Jeff Carvalho, Chairman  
 Daniel Higgins, Vice Chairman  
 Christopher Cunha, Clerk  
 Joseph Figueiredo, Member  
 Robert J. Woods, Member

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
 Wednesday, July 19, 2023  
 Old Town Hall

1111 Somerset Ave, Dighton, MA 02715

*Video and audio of the meeting is available on Comcast Local TV9 or on the Town of Dighton Planning & Land Use YouTube Channel.*

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Carvalho at 7:00 PM. Clerk Christopher Cunha and Member Robert J. Woods were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board determined that the next scheduled meeting is August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

REVIEW OF ZONING BYLAW SECTION: 5400. Site Plan Review

The Board determined that the only outstanding item left in the Site Plan Review is the language relative to building permits being issued in Section 5420. As such, a request for Building Commissioner James Aguiar's input will be requested either in person or presented in writing at the next meeting.

The Board discussed Zoning Bylaw Section 4659. Dimensional and Density Requirements; Setbacks. Although this section was recently amended last year, Chairman Carvalho proposes amending the side and rear yard setbacks from 75 feet depth and 100 feet from any abutting dwelling on another parcel to 100 feet depth and 200 feet from any abutting dwelling on another parcel, as well as, amend the vegetative buffer from 30 feet deep to 50 feet deep. Chairman Carvalho's proposed amendment, for large scale solar arrays only, is for screening and resident friendly purposes. Member Joseph Figueiredo feels the setback proposal is too restrictive, unless the Board has the liberty to grant waivers. The Board discussed setbacks relative to accessory structures. The Board will review the matter at the next scheduled meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Joseph Figueiredo motioned, Daniel Higgins seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2023.

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| VOTE: | JEFF CARVALHO, CHAIRMAN       | AYE |
|       | DANIEL HIGGINS, VICE CHAIRMAN | AYE |
|       | JOSEPH FIGUEIREDO, MEMBER     | AYE |

Correspondence

None.

Public Input

None.

Adjournment

Joseph Figueiredo motioned, Daniel Higgins seconded to adjourn at 7:38 PM.

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Town Clerk-Dighton, MA

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Time: 3:40 PM  
 By: S.C.

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| VOTE: | JEFF CARVALHO, CHAIRMAN       | AYE |
|       | DANIEL HIGGINS, VICE CHAIRMAN | AYE |
|       | JOSEPH FIGUEIREDO, MEMBER     | AYE |

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerrie J Easterday  
Office Manager  
Planning Board

**List of Documents Presented at Meeting:**