

Cherryfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2025

Board Members Present: Crystal Hitchings, Billie Jo Brooks, Kimberly Smith
Public Present: Sue Dalton, Dan Cunningham

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm.

Public comments: Dan Cunningham was present for suggestions on how he could possibly keep his property (Folklore Farm on the Milbridge Rd) in an agriculture zone or something similar for permanently. He feels that this is rich farmland and would like to keep it for that purpose beyond his ownership. It was suggested that he might start with an amendment to his current deed that would state the intent to keep the property agricultural. May revisit if that avenue is not sufficient for his goal.

New Business

Members present discussed the concerns we have heard from residents on the proposed and currently permitted solar farms in the Town of Cherryfield. Any new ordinance pertaining to large scale solar would have to be voted on by the town. It was decided to attend the January selectmans meeting and discuss a possible moratorium on any further solar development in Cherryfield.

A motion was made by Crystal Hitchings to bring the possibility of a moratorium on large scale solar farms to the next selectman's meeting. Motion was seconded by Kim Smith. All in favor, motion passes.

A motion was made by Crystal Hitchings to vacate the seat of Ryan Shaw (voluntary withdrawal from the planning board). Motion was seconded by Kim Smith. All in favor, motion passes.

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.(motion by Crystal Hitchings, seconded by Kim Smith, all in favor, motion passes.

Crystal Hitchings

Billie Jo Brooks

Kimberly Smith

Ryan Beal