

**Cherryfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2025**  
**Public Hearing on Proposed Solar Facilities Moratorium**

**Board Members Present:** Crystal Hitchings, Billie Jo Brooks, Kimberly Smith, Sue Dalton, Ryan Beal

**Public Present:** Corey Smith, Josh Paul, Tom Schaeffer, Mark Grant, Kaysie Logan, Erika Grabovak, Dan Cunningham

**Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm.**

**Public comments:** There were several residents present for the public hearing. Comments and questions included the desire to limit large scale solar, timeframe for ordinance to be developed, how many permits have been approved currently, could a moratorium on wind be included to the article also and what was the permitting process.

**Public Hearing was closed at 6:20 P.M.**

**New Business**

Members present again discussed the concerns we have heard from residents on the proposed and currently permitted solar farms in the Town of Cherryfield.

**Old Business**

There was discussion on the Romance site plan review (property on west side of Rte 193 in Cherryfield) and revised plans submitted based on concerns raised at the last meeting. There are still topographic concerns, visual concerns and land use zone permissions concerns. The proposed site is in the rural zone and attached is an overview of the rural zone uses and requirements. Based on this, the planning board agreed that the rural zone is not currently to include industrial permitting and therefore deny the permit for this project.

A motion was made by Kim Smith to deny the Ray's Flat large scale solar project. The motion was seconded by Sue Dalton. All in favor, motion passes.

Crystal will notify the interested parties of the decision.

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

Crystal Hitchings

Billie Jo Brooks

Kimberly Smith

Sue Dalton

Ryan Beal