

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission**  
**March 3, 2021**

Location: Virtual

Members Present: Cynthia L. Cheatwood, Chair  
Daniel E. Hoff, Vice Chair  
Jeffrey A. Wothers  
Eugene Canale  
Janice R. Kirkner (6:13pm)  
Peter Lester  
Michael D. Gosnell, Alternate  
Stephen A. Wantz, Ex-officio (6:03pm)

Members Absent:

Present with the Commission were the following persons: Lynda Eisenberg and Laura Bavetta, Department of Planning and Jim Almon, County Attorney's office.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chair Cheatwood called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Laura Bavetta took attendance and noted that six members of the Board were present, and a quorum was in attendance. Commissioner Wantz arrived at 6:03 pm and 7 members were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Hoff seconded by Mr. Wothers and carried, the Agenda was approved.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Secretary Eisenberg proposed having the March 31<sup>st</sup> evening meeting and cancelling the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commission agreed to cancel the evening meeting in April.

**B. OTHER**

There were no other reports.

**INDUSTRIAL LIGHT TEXT AMENDMENT (I-1) – INTRODUCTION OF CHANGES TO ALLOW SELF-STORAGE AS AN ADAPTIVE REUSE**

Secretary Eisenberg introduced a proposed text amendment to the Commission. This text amendment would allow self-service storage in the I-1 zone. The Commission will discuss this proposal in more detail at the next meeting.

**COMMUNITY SOLAR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT- SOLAR AND AG  
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSION**

Ms. Dinne discussed the revisions to the text from the last meeting. Ms. Dinne opened the discussion for community representatives to speak.

Harry Sellers, President Carroll County Farm Bureau, stated the group is opposed to this amendment.

Vice Chair Hoff asked Mr. Sellers if farmers are concerned with losing Ag land. There were technical difficulties, but Ms. Dinne confirmed that was a concern he raised.

Mr. Lester suggested comments be submitted in writing since there were technical difficulties and Mr. Sellers was not able to convey his comments fully.

Leslie Elder, industry representative and a member of the Maryland Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of community solar.

After much discussion regarding aesthetics, tax implications, duration of easements, ag remainders, and net metering, Secretary Eisenberg stated there will be further discussion at the next few meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jake Springer, Nexamp, spoke in favor of community solar.

Amberli Young, Community Power Group, suggested specific language for the text amendment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Chair Cheatwood, the Commission adjourned at approximately 7:33 p. m.

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Secretary

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Approved