

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF AVON PLANNING BOARD  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023  
7:00 PM; VILLAGE HALL**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

Paul M. Drozdziel, Chairman  
John Gibson  
Kelley Tonra

**STAFF**

Gary Margiotta, Secretary

**ABSENT**

Marilyn Borkhuis  
Robert C. Hayes

**QUORUM**, 3 Present, 2 Absent

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Tonra moved for approval of the minutes of July 18, 2023, seconded by Gibson. Voting in favor were: Drozdziel, Gibson and Tonra. Voting against were: none.

**CARRIED**, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Solar Committee:**

**Gibson & Tonra, Co-Chairs**

Members: Gibson, Planning Board  
Tonra, Planning Board  
McCormick, Village Board  
Christopher Conine, Zoning Board of Appeals  
Thomas A. Freeman, Community Volunteer  
John Marks, Community Volunteer

**PUBLIC HEARING - RESUMED**

At its meeting of July 18, the Planning Board had opened a public hearing on the Solar Committee's June 19 draft recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees. The recommendation pertained to the regulation of solar energy systems in the Village.

Chairman Drozdziel had announced the hearing would remain open through the Board's August 15 meeting. The final version would be forwarded to the Village Board for review by Village Attorney Jake Whiting and the Village's engineering consulting firm, the MRB Group, in anticipation of its adoption as local law.

No members of the public were present at the August 15 resumption of the public hearing and no additional comments were received. No modifications were made to the Solar Committee's June 19<sup>th</sup> recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees. As such, it should be considered the final version and the version reviewed by the Village Attorney and engineering consulting firm in anticipation of its adoption as local law.

**MOTION:** Gibson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Tonra. Voting in favor were: Drozdziel, Gibson and Tonra. Voting against were: none.

**CARRIED**, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**  
Nothing pending.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Tonra moved for adjournment at 7:24 PM, seconded by Gibson. Voting in favor were: Drozdziel, Gibson and Tonra. Voting against were: none.

**CARRIED, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays**

Gary Margiotta  
Secretary

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TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023  
7:00 PM; VILLAGE HALL**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

Paul M. Drozdziel, Chairman  
Marilyn Borkhuis  
John Gibson  
Kelley Tonra

**ABSENT**

Robert C. Hayes

**GUESTS**

Edward Forsythe, 164 Sackett Road #804

**STAFF**

Patrick McCormick, Village Board Liaison  
Gary Margiotta, Secretary

**QUORUM, 4 Present, 1 Absent**

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Gibson moved for approval of the minutes of May 16 (*the June 20 meeting had been cancelled*), seconded by Tonra. Voting in favor were: Drozdziel, Borkhuis, Gibson and Tonra. Voting against were: none.

**CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays**

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**SOLAR COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS RECAP**

Drozdziel and Tonra had presented the Solar Committee’s recommendations to the Village Board June 19. The chairman invited Tonra to recap that presentation.

To begin with, the committee had recommended allowing the accessory use of solar energy systems in the Village. Tier 1 systems could have a capacity of up to 25 kilowatts and generate no more than 110 percent of the electricity consumed onsite.

So, how had the committee come up with the 110 percent figure?

That was the maximum allowed by the state, Tonra explained, adding it wasn’t a random figure but rather an “*industry standard.*” Tier 1 systems included: roof, ground and building-mounted systems as well as building integrated systems.