



TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

SOLAR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2022

In Attendance: Brenda Seefeldt, Merial Currer, Darryl Hawkins, and Cindy Fithian

1. Call to Order - 1:30 pm

2. Discussion Items

The objective of the meeting was to review the June 24, 2022 memorandum *Review of Common Architectural Review Board Design Guidelines on Solar Panels and Recommendations for the Occoquan ARB* prepared by Matt Whitmoyer, Management Fellow, and the draft ordinance prepared by town staff.

The Town Council has referred the draft ordinance to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission requested that the ARB offer insight and any proposed edits. A Solar Subcommittee was formed. Members include Merial Currer, Darryl Hawkins and Cindy Fithian, with Chair Brenda Seefeldt involved.

Chair Seefeldt was present for the first twenty minutes to share more about what other Historic Districts decided regarding their guidelines.

Solar Subcommittee discussion included protecting the authenticity and aesthetics of Occoquan's Historic District, while encouraging residents and business owners to help improve the environmental green factor of our town by offering language that solar panels and other solar technologies are to be placed as inconspicuously as possible.

Discussion also included questions regarding the terminology used in the draft ordinance, i.e. "solar facility" and "solar energy facility".

The full Architectural Review Board will discuss the issue further at their next meeting on July 26, 2022.

3. Adjournment - 2:50 pm