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**HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
Public Hearing Minutes – Case 2016-G - Amendments to Zoning Bylaws
Town House
Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

Approved 09/14/16

Judge Robert Howarth opened the Public Hearing at 7 PM.

The Public Hearing was scheduled on the recommendation of the Planning Board for all persons interested in the proposed amendments to the Hampden Zoning Bylaws to be recommended at Fall Town Meeting on October 24, 2016 for a vote.

Members Present: Judge Robert Howarth; Phillip Schneider, Edward Loiko and Richard Green, Associate Member.

Introduction of Board Members: Judge Howarth introduced the Planning Board Members.

Statement of Authority: Judge Howarth read the Statement of Authority.

Legal Notice: The Legal Notice was read by Judge Howarth.

Reports from Other Agencies: None

Board's Presentation/Board Questions: An amendment made by Phil Schneider to change/add to the proposed verbiage is reflected below in italic and was approved by the Board (4-0).

Minimum of 50 foot setback of Photovoltaic (*PV*) Panels to property line.

All areas surrounding the facility shall be fenced with a minimum of 8 foot chain link. The fence must have screen applied to the fence to blend with surrounding area.

Along public way, and public view the fence must be landscaped with non-deciduous shrubs, such as arborvitae *to provide additional screening*. Planted *height of 6 feet* and maintained to 12 feet *with a distance of 4-6 feet between shrubs*.

Audience Questions/Comments: None

Decision: Richard Green made a motion to accept the proposed amendment to the Hampden Zoning Bylaw 7.16 Solar Energy System(s) to be presented at Fall Town Meeting. Edward Loiko seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor (4-0) to accept the proposed Amendment to be presented at Fall Town Meeting.

Judge Howarth declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:11 PM.

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