

**Town of Collins Planning Board Meeting**  
**June 21, 2016**

**Call meeting to order:**

Chairman Brian Martin called meeting to order at 7:15 PM with the pledge of allegiance and attendance taken.

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Thomas Siegle, Richard Agle, Joan Fallon, and Chairman Brian Martin

**Not Present:** John Bentley

**Solar Farms (Commercial):**

- Discussion held regarding Solar Companies sending out lease agreements. Chairman Martin stated most of the lease agreements are not in favor of the farmer/land owner. The companies are not bonding or cleaning up after the lease is up. Town of Collins is looking to putting in place a moratorium to hold off any decisions until more information is obtained. There are no State Laws in place regarding Solar Farms, except to state a certified electrician must do the electrical hook ups. These companies are looking for 20 acres pieces of land, with a 20-year lease agreement, ranging from \$1200 to \$1500 per acre. If the land is in the ag agreement, the farmer would have to pay back the ag savings and their tax assessment will go up. The PB has concerns for the neighboring properties and light reflections must also be dealt with. Also need to make sure they are bonded to do a clean up and the land be reclaimed back to original status. The PB is looking to have an Application fee of \$5,000. It must be bonded and the bond is not transferrable, so it will stay with the land incase the land owner should sell the property the solar farm is located on. Need to be unhooked from the power by a certified electrician and dismantled by a certified dismantler. A Special Use Permit for Commercial entity must be completed. Need 75 foot set back from road right-away and property lines. The PB has many concerns and the Town needs to do more studies on this subject.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held on July 19, 2016 (third Tuesday) at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

**Motion:** Thomas Siegle

**2nd:** Chairman Brian Martin

**Vote:** Passed - Thomas Siegle -aye, Richard Agle - aye, Joan Fallon - Aye, Chairman Brian Martin - Aye

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Martin