Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes for meeting on **July 16, 2012** Approved 8/20/12	**Members:**	present	not present
	Jim Locke	×	
	Steve Snow	×	
	Gail Paddock		×
	Tim McQuestion	×	
	Steve Smith	×	
	Michael Gove	×	
	Others:		

Acting chair Jim Locke called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Steve Snow nominated Jim Locke to be Board Chairman, since Roger Bisbee's term on the committee had ended. Tim McQuestion seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 with Locke abstaining.

Michael Gove was welcomed as a new member of the Board.

The minutes from May 21 were read and approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for more members, and noted that with six members, the required quorum is four (more than half the members). With seven members, the required quorum would still be four, making it easier to assemble a quorum.

The Board discussed the Massachusetts Green Communities Program's requirement for as-of-right siting of renewable energy facilities. The group discussed the merits of designating the town landfill as a location for such facilities. McQuestion shared photos of a recently-built solar facility in Northfield. The need for the energy committee to champion a bylaw change was discussed. Steve Smith offered to make a comparison of Chesterfield's recently passed bylaw with the model bylaw provided by PVPC.

The next meeting was scheduled for 8/20 unless a request for an ANR came in for the first Monday (8/6) of August.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smith