Open Meeting
The Planning Board Meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington, and was opened at 6:03 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Planning Board Members
Jenni Cawein
Taris Charysyn
Beverly Dezan
Robert Hermance
Secretary
Charlotte Jaeger

Absent: Planning Board Member
Daniel Davern

Others Present: Elizabeth Hapeman and Bonnie Blader

Elect Chair Person
On a motion by Planning Member, Taris Charysyn, seconded by Planning Member, Robert Hermance and with all in favor Jenni Cawein was made the Chair to the Planning Board.
Ayes – 4 – Cawein, Charysyn, Dezan, & Hermance
Nays – 0
Absent-1 - Davern

Elect Deputy Chair
On a motion by Planning Member, Taris Charysyn, seconded by Planning Member, Beverly Dezan and with all in favor Robert Hermance was made the Deputy Chair to the Planning Board.
Ayes – 4- Cawein, Charysyn, Dezan, & Hermance
Nays – 0
Absent -1- Davern

Pay Dues for AOT
Chair, Jenni Cawein mentioned that the dues need to be paid for the Association of Towns and that they are very helpful and thorough. She had called them about subdivisions and lot line adjustments. In the Town of Lexington there needs to be a public hearing for a subdivision but not for a simple lot line adjustment.

Designation of Newspapers
Planning Member, Taris Charysyn asked about which newspapers the Planning Board should use and it was determined that the Planning Board is to use the newspapers that the Town Board has designated which is the Mountain Eagle and the Daily Mail.

Review and Approve Minutes from Dec, 11, 2018 Planning Board Meeting
On a motion by Deputy Chair, Robert Hermance, seconded by Planning Member, Beverly Dezan and with all in favor the December 11, 2018 Minutes were approved as presented.
Ayes – 4 – Cawein, Charysyn, Dezan, & Hermance
Nays – 0
Absent-1- Davern
The application that was presented to the Planning Board was a solar project that would cover approximately 26 acres of land and would cost an estimated $6,000,000.00. A lengthy discussion ensued. The first question asked was, Is it beneficial to the Town? A number of other questions were; Is it a Public Utility?, Is it Commercial or Industrial?, What are the Visual Aspects?, Will it affect Property Values?, Would DEP and or DEC need to review the proposal?, Is the applicant filing for a tax abatement?, Is a “decommissioning bond” needed?, with so many questions and not having a lot of the answers the Town of Lexington Planning Board would like to ask the Town of Lexington Board for a 6 month Moratorium and to form a committee that would present the Town Board with information found through research and to put together a law for the board to look at. The Planning Board Members strongly feel that the Town Board needs to take a look at the Zoning for Lexington and to find out where the Town Board stands on large solar projects as well as find out what the Town's people think.

It was the finding of the Town of Lexington Planning Board that this project can not proceed since the property is zoned not only Rural Residential but Conservation as well. The project's scope would also put more on the leased land than our ordinances allow.

Correspondence
Chair Jenni Cawein mentioned the upcoming webinars and that they would be especially beneficial to Dan Davern.

Adjourn
On a motion by Planning Member Beverly Dezan, seconded by Planning Member Taris Charysyn and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.
Ayes – 4 – Cawein, Charysyn, Dezan, & Hermance
Nays – 0
Absent-1- Davern

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Jaeger, Secretary