

## **PLANNING BOARD**

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### **Minutes**

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Members Present: Robert W. Hartt, Chair  
Jonathan James, Vice Chair  
Mark Carson

Others Present: Sharon Fleck, Secretary  
Dana  
Susan Engel, Resident  
Ruben Kier, Resident  
Bill Taylor, Sandisfield  
Larry Burke, NM5VN

The meeting was call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Susan Engle spoke in favor of passing the Dark Sky bylaw, stating that "it's for the greater good."

Ruben Kier also spoke in favor of passing a Dark Sky bylaw, stating that as more people move to the area, lighting could become an issue. Ruben spoke of a survey conducted by the University of Arizona whereby the crime rate actually decreased when lighting restrictions were put in place. He went to state how bad up lighting of one's home is to a Dark Sky environment.

Bill Taylor, Sandisfield Planning Board, stated that it decided not to move forward with the Dark Sky bylaw. Sandisfield wanted a shorter bylaw. Bill was advised that the Dark Sky bylaw differed from the Light Trespass bylaw, i.e. the Light Trespass bylaw dealt with one neighbor's light infringing on another neighbor's privacy.

In closing, Bob thanked everyone for their participation in this meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Robert W. Hartt Approved: Date: May 25, 2022