VILLAGE OF OLD BENNINGTON

PLANNING COMMISSION

DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

In re: Mark Zotto 43 Monument Ave

Permit #25-17

Install a 4.9 kw solar photovoltaic system on the west side of the garage roof. Not visible from Monument Ave.

The application was received on 8.2.25. A copy of the application and certification of mailing to abutting property owners on request to Zoning Administrator at [obzoning@gmail.com](mailto:obzoning@gmail.com).

Notice of hearing posted at Old Church Barn, Monument Bulletin Board, and Village web page.

The application was considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on September 8, 2025. The Planning Commission reviewed the application under the Village of Old Bennington Zoning Bylaw as amended and readapted April 7, 2020 and amended November 2024.

Present at the hearing were the following members of the Planning Commission:

* Brian Scheetz
* Renny Ponvert
* Chris Ponessi
* Elizabeth Warner (via zoom)

1. Design Review Hearing 43 Monument Ave- Hearing opened at 7:25PM.

Mr. Zotto presented full description of installation and location on property.

Board members did not have any questions.

Ms. Schwarzkopf asked about required screening. Mr Scheetz replied that updated bylaws are silent on screening for solar projects because of State law. If the new installation would block an existing view then there may be a remedy, but that is not the case here.

FINDINGS

The Planning Commission finds that the proposed use complies with the Design Review standards of the Village of Old Bennington Bylaws.

DECISION

Motion by Mr. Scheetz to approve application from Mark Zotto for 43 Monument Ave as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Ponessi. Motion passes 4-0-0

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