



**TOWN OF WILLISTON**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
*March 18, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.*

**Williston Planning Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Mathon, Kevin Batson, Michael Alvanos, Shannon Hiltner, Planning Commission Members; Ken Belliveau and Matt Boulanger planning staff,

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Jake Mathon called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Ken Belliveau explained that due to a power outage, staff did not have access to electronic copies of the meeting materials, including materials related to Outdoor Lighting and the minutes of the March 4 meeting.

2) **SIDELINE SOLAR**

Ken Belliveau reviewed the proposal by Sideline Solar to add solar panels to a site in the Gateway Zoning District South (GZDS) Matt Boulanger noted that this is the portion of the zone that was created by an approved specific plan to build an office building, but that that project never started. The project is being reviewed by the state public service board and the town has the opportunity to comment on the application. Ken Belliveau explained the state's review process for solar farms that are connected to the electrical grid. Michael Alvanos asked if the project is "net metered." Belliveau said that it would be. Kevin Batson raised a concern about the fencing around the project and whether it might impede the movement of wildlife. The members in attendance discussed the potential for noise from transformers. It was the consensus of the group to offer the following comments:

- If it can be shown that there will be a negative impact on a wildlife corridor, the use of fencing should be limited to that necessary for the security of the site.
- Any stormwater runoff generated by the project should be detained and treated.
- Any landscaping necessary to soften the visual impact of the panels or proposed fencing should be shown on the plans.
- The Williston planning Commission is generally in support of the proposal.

3) **CHANGES TO THE BYLAW RELATED TO OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

Outdoor lighting was not discussed at this meeting.

4) **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2014 MEETING:**

These meeting minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.