

PLANNING BOARD

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SITE VISIT AND TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, December 20, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Carson, Chair
Bob Hartt, Vice Chair
Paul Marcel
Jonathan James
Tom Sebestyen

Others Present: Sharon Fleck, Secretary
Alana Chain, Director of Construction, Altus Solar Power (Park Avenue)
Tara B. White, Board of Selectmen (site visit only)
Mari Enoch, Town Administrator (site visit only)
Larry Burke, NM5VN (Town Hall only)

The site visit took place at 3 p.m.

The group visited both 540 and 646 Mill River Southfield Road solar sites. Alana described how the solar panels functioned, the safety features as well as the containment systems and lithium batteries. She answered multiple questions and quelled some fears about the containment units.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. in Town Hall.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt, Jonathan James, Tom Sebestyen and Paul Marcel voted to approve the meeting being called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Review Minutes of December 8, 2021

The Board will review the minutes at the next meeting.

Evaluate Solar Field Bylaw Update

Will be discussed at future meetings.

Review Dark Sky Bylaw updates and highlighted information

Bob reviewed with the Board the highlighted changes made in a draft solar bylaw. The Board decided that a bylaw would be easier to apply a new bylaw to new construction projects. Mark suggested that the bylaw needs to focus on simplicity and to start with small steps that can be elaborated upon later. Tom volunteered to get additional information on the establishment of lighting zones. Jon will work on

Review Plans, if Any

None

New Business, if any

None

Old Business

The public hearing for Ingo Schweers for the property located at 155 Norfolk Rd was held on Monday, December 20. It was agreed that the public hearing would be continued until Tuesday, February 1, which will give the Planning Board time to review the revised plans to be submitted by Mr. Schweers.

- Public Comment

None

The Board decided to have its next in-person meeting on Wednesday, December 22; Jonathan James will not be available and a Zoom called will be available for Larry Burke.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt, Jonathan James, Tom Sebestyen and Paul Marcel agreed to adjourn to meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Approved:  _____

Date: _____