

The Town of Deerpark Planning Board met for a BIMONTHLY MEETING on WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022. The Meeting was held at Town Hall.

The following were present on the meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Vicaretti-Chairman
Theresa Santiago

Craig Wagner-Vice-Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willard Schadt, Rob Whitney

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Nosek-Representing Fusco Engineering
Glen Plotsky-Town Attorney
Al Schock-Town Councilman



Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was brought to order at 7:05 p.m.

LITTLE POND SOLAR – WHITEHEAD RD – SITE PLAN AMENDMENT –

Bob Ryan-Representative from Harris Beach for Applicant
Cody Kubenik-Representative from EV Solar

Mr. Ryan explained that their Engineer had a conflict with another meeting and was able to attend. Chairman asked if it was an adjustment or an amendment, Town Attorney answered both. Mr. Ryan stated that this was an approval given in February of 2020 for a 20MW Solar Array. They have since decided to move the substation closer to the Orange and Rockland right-a-way at the request of Orange and Rockland. With that move it encroaches on the 500ft from the Hunting Club, there is a note on the map to allow hunting within the 500ft. It is Note 11 on sheet C200 in the General Notes. John Nosek stated that comment number 1 on Fusco Engineering comments can be disregarded then. He continued going through the rest of the comments that SWPPP needs to be revised, there is a lot of disturbance, the DEC will have to reevaluate. The roadways and substations count toward site disturbance and an update on the PILOT and decommissioning bond. Mr. Ryan acknowledged that it was finalized. Town Attorney stated that the decommissioning bond will be a condition of the building permit and the amount of the PILOT has been agreed to. He continued that he spoke with Mr. Ryan prior to the meeting and asked for the note to be placed on the map for the 500ft from occupied building solar is not occupied, he felt the change was minor and suggested a public hearing be waived. Chairman agreed.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Craig Wagner to waive a public hearing for Little Pond Solar Site Plan Amendment.

Vote 3 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Attorney acknowledged that the note on the map says that they can hunt up to the line, he suggested the earlier EAF can be adopted it is a minimal change and the negative declaration can continue.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Craig Wagner to continue the originally approved negative declaration.

Vote 3 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Attorney stated that a conditional approval can be given on Fusco Comments being satisfied and fees paid.

Motion made by Craig Wagner, 2nd by Theresa Santiago to give conditional approval on Fusco Engineering comments being satisfied and payment of all fees.

Vote 3 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman asked about the bridge to cross the stream, he didn't see it on the map, Mr. Ryan stated he did not know. John Nosek asked if the wetland crossing was existing and if not at the time of the building permit the dimensions would be needed and the permit from the DEC would need to be submitted. Cody Kubenik stated that it will be a steel bridge and they are talking with the DEC and Army Corp of Engineers.

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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES.

Craig Wagner stated that he read the minutes so he is able to vote on them, Town Attorney affirmed

Motion to approve April 27, 2022 Minutes.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Craig Wagner to approve the minutes from Wednesday, April 27, 2022 meeting.

Vote 3 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS –

Chairman asked if at the next meeting even though there is 3 public hearings, if the 430 Route 209 project could be placed on the agenda. Since the Board has received the letter from the outside consultant, he was wondering if they could come and explain the findings in layman's terms. Town Attorney stated he could make that request.

Chairman Vicaretti acknowledged that he watched a battery storage webinar and it was very informative, John Nosek questioned how the power is stored, Chairman answered in Lithium batteries, John Nosek asked how big the batteries are, Chair replied the size of over seas containers, he continued that lithium has no gases. Councilman Schock asked the life of the battery, Chair answered the same as a lithium battery,

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by, Craig Wagner to adjourn May 25, 2022 Planning Board meeting at 7:31 pm.

Vote 3 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,



Amanda Gorr, Planning Board Clerk