

The Town of Deerpark Planning Board met for a VIRTUAL MEETING on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020.

The following were present on the meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Vicaretti-Chairman

Rob Whitney

Craig Wagner-Vice Chairman-present for meeting not able to be seen or heard.



APPROVED

Theresa Santiago

Willard Schadt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alfred A Fusco III-Town Engineer

Glen Plotsky-Town Attorney

David Dean-Town Councilman

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was brought to order at 7:02 p.m.

MARRA – 114 ROUTE 6 – 2-LOT SUBDIVISION – PUBLIC HEARING –

Holly Fuller-Representative for Applicant

Mary Marra-Applicant

Secretary Amanda Gorr read the public hearing notice into record. Town Attorney asked for Secretary to reread where it would be posted. He continued that there was no reference that it will be done virtually and not in person, it should have been written in the notice that it was being conducted virtually. He suggested that the public hearing should be held open for 2 weeks. Chairman Vicaretti added that if it is an in person meeting the public will have a chance to speak. Ms. Marra stated it was only a handful of people that were notified and asked how this could happen. Town Attorney explained that up till March 16 no one ever thought this could happen and no one was prepared for this, it is new technology to everyone, he further explained that he was sorry for the delay and that his job is to protect the Board. Ms. Marra asked what will happen at the next meeting, Town Attorney replied that written comment will be read in any public that would like to speak can at the meeting, he added that the Board has 62 days to make a decision on an application after the public hearing is closed. Town Engineer stated that nothing new was received from New York State DOT and is has been past the 30 days, he continued that Orange County Planning Department sent a letter asking for perc tests and SHPO submitted a letter and that the shared driveway agreement needs to be reviewed, Town Attorney acknowledged that he has seen it and will send correspondence. Mrs. Fuller stated that perc tests were done back in March and locations are on the plans on sheet 2, Town Engineer confirmed they are on the sheet.

Motion to continue public hearing.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Willard Schadt continue public hearing for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 for Marra Subdivision, for written and verbal comment.

Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Rob Whitney, Willard Schadt, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Engineer asked if there were rules on in person meetings, Town Attorney stated that it is controlled by the Governor. Willard Schadt asked if the meeting could be done as a hybrid of both, give the public an option to join on Zoom. Town Attorney stated yes that could be done, once public meetings start there will have to be face masks and social distancing in place.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MAY 13, 2020 continued –

BRACE GROUND MOUNT SOLAR – BOEHLMER ROAD –

Stephanie Kusmann-Empire Solar Solutions

Town Engineer went through the comments from Fusco Engineering, he stated that wind load was provided and there is quite a bit of screening but the Board could ask for more. He continued that the array needs to be staked out by a Land surveyor to make sure it meets set back requirements. Stephanie Kusmann asked if there could be a pre-site visit before construction, Town Engineer stated that yes after you get the Building Permit to see the stakes. Ms. Kusmann stated that they were hoping not to plant more, there is quite a distance between his neighbor and even from the street there is natural screening already. Chairman acknowledged by what he sees on the aerial he does not see a problem, Willard Schadt stated he was satisfied, Rob Whitney stated he was also satisfied, Theresa Santiago stated it looked good.

Motion for lead agency.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Rob Whitney to declare Town of Deerpark Planning Board Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes.

Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Rob Whitney, Willard Schadt, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Attorney stated that they had come in February all materials were reviewed then but before a public hearing could be scheduled COVID-19 happened, he suggested the hearing be scheduled for the first meeting in July. Ms. Kusmann asked who sends out the notices, Town Attorney stated that the Town puts in the newspaper and the applicant sends out to the adjoining.

Motion to schedule a public hearing.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Rob Whitney to schedule a public hearing for Brace Solar for Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7pm.

Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Rob Whitney, Willard Schadt, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES.

Motion to Approve May 13, 2020 Minutes.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Rob Whitney to approve the minutes for Wednesday, May 13, 2020 virtual meeting.

Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Rob Whitney, Willard Schadt, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Rob Whitney to adjourn June 10, 2020 Planning Board virtual meeting at 7:40 pm.

Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Rob Whitney, Willard Schadt, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,



Amanda Gorr, Planning Board Secretary