



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes
for meeting on
July 29, 2019
Approved

Members:	present	not present		present	not present
Amy Bisbee	x		Jean O'Neil	x	
Steve Snow	x		Eric Schmitt	x	
Steve Smith	x				
Chris Flory	x				
Others present: Joe Shanahan, Clean Energy Collective ; Bob Fournier, SK Design Group					

1. Review of minutes

Meeting Date:	Comments	Motion to Accept	Motion to Accept as Amended	Second	Vote Yea – Nay
07/09/19	Both meeting minutes and joint meeting with ZBA	Snow		Smith	6-0

- Chair Bisbee called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.
- Discussion and review began on the 5.95 MW solar application at 10 River Road. Shanahan and Fournier gave an orientation of the proposed design and plans. One point was that the designation of Community-Shared Solar is analogous to a community garden with cooperative stakeholders. By law, 50% of production must go to residential customers. The same entity constructed an array at 127 Goshen Rd several years ago.
- Potential concerns include floodplain and wetlands and erosion after timber cutting. The speakers pointed out that all work is outside of any floodplain or wetland boundaries with the exception of needing to cross Unquom Brook with a bridge.
- The site itself is 61 acres in size. They plan 19.5 ac of clearing for the arrays, plus 1.6 ac of shade clearing at the east end of the site. They suggest grass cover with mowing 1-2 times a year. Bisbee asked a number of questions on plan details and mentioned some inconsistencies from place to place in the plans. The PB also requested the visualization for view called for in the bylaws. Fournier and Shanahan believe they can have revised plans to the PB in time for our next meeting.
- O'Neil mentioned that she attended a Conservation Commission site visit on the 22nd of July with the land owner Larry Lashway and members of the applicant team. Another visit is likely.
- Members discussed the need for inspection of solar arrays during construction, to include after large rainfall events. It is possible that the Conservation Commission will be doing inspections and Bisbee will talk with the Chair about this.
- A working list of matters for possible PB attention in the next few months was brainstormed and will be discussed further in an upcoming meeting. These are topics that the PB considers important to the community and/or in response to input we have received from the public.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be Aug 20, 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean O'Neil