



Town of Knox Planning Board

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Present: Todd LaGrange, Ed Ackroyd, Deb Nelson, Betty Ketcham, Tom Wolfe, Bill Pasquini, Diedre Keating(alternate).

Absent: Kurt Johnson

Tom made a motion that Diedre serve as active Planning Board member for this meeting, Deb second, all in favor.

Review of January 2023 minutes

Todd made a motion to approve with some corrections noted, Bill second it, all in favor.

Solar Array on Reservoir Road

Tyler Garity from Creighton Manning returned to review and discuss updates on the proposed project.

Planning Board discussed the current tree clearing that has occurred and their concerns. Tom to ask the village of Altamont about a saw mill contract from that plot of land on Reservoir Road. Application packets, maps and new information reviewed by the Planning Board to determine whether or not it is time to move forward with SEQRA.

Tom to speak with Albany County Planning Board about when they are to meet and discuss the Solar Array project.

Tom made a motion that the Planning Board hold a public hearing on April 13 on the solar array project on Reservoir Road, upon completion of the application packet. Deb second, all in favor.

RIC Energy Solar Array on 1688 Thompsons Lake Road

Tom was contacted by Chris Ross from RIC Energy about re-submitting the proposed solar array project on Thompsons Lake Road.

Nancy, the senior project manager as well as Sean and Kevin from RIC came to present. 2020-2021-the original project was reviewed by the Knox Planning Board. The project was placed on hold after it was denied by Albany County Planning Board. After this, it was brought to a vote at a Knox Planning Board meeting where it did not pass due to not having a Super Majority vote.

The project is the same size, 22 acres. Some of the updates to the solar array project will have tracker panels instead of stationary ones. A storm water detention pond was added to the western part of the site, additional landscaping was added, transformers were shifted down away from the property line and other concerns were updated and changed in the new proposed project.

Some of the Albany County Planning Board concerns were read aloud by RIC. Knox Planning Board members to review all of these concerns and responses once again. Once done, Knox Planning Board to meet and review the updated changes made to the project and how they plan on addressing all concerns of both the public and the Planning Boards.

Planning Board would also like further information on updated reports that were needed for the prior project. RIC to obtain these updated reports and have for Knox Board members to review at next month's meeting.

Public Comment:

Mrs.Chapman - would like to know whether or not a walk thru for the public was possible and when there would be a public hearing? She is also concerned about the mowing and up keep. If the surrounding neighbors would like to do a walk thru, RIC will contact the land owner to discuss. A public hearing will happen at a later date when all material has been submitted and reviewed.

Gary Bunzey- concerned about the pivoting solar array panels and the glare it will have on his house.

RIC to come back to the next meeting with more information regarding concerns of the public and previous concerns made by both Planning Boards.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 9:20pm, Bill second, all in favor.

Next meeting to be held March 9 at 7:30pm.