



Town of Knox Planning Board

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January 12, 2023

Meeting began at 7:30pm.

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

Discussion of required training and upcoming dates to do so. Tom needs to know by tonight who will be attending.

Proposed Solar Array Project on Reservoir Rd in Altamont

Tyler Garity from Creighton Manning presenting the project on behalf of New Leaf Energy.

Gave an over view of the site plan and presented maps and photos from the walk thru.

Draft SWPPP was included in the completed application.

It was noted by Planning Board members to not have a visual impact for surrounding neighbors.

The access road for the fire trucks is needed. There will need to be an overlay done on the map of this in order to visualize if there is enough area for the firetrucks to get down the access road and turn around.

Wetlands paperwork submitted to Army Corps of Engineers for determination and Shoemaker Consulting is the consulting firm that was used.

NY National Heritage program letter has been submitted to the Planning Board.

Planning Board members suggest the planting of good pollinators around the Solar Array. New Leaf can include this in the plans.

An email was sent with the EAF, but needs to be resent to Planning Board members. A hard copy can currently be found at the Town Hall.

Planning Board members have requested a completed packet by January 26, 2023 for review. If everything is complete and has been reviewed by the February meeting, a public hearing can be scheduled.

The Solar Array checklist that was created during a previous Solar Array project will be sent to Creighton Manning to use for this current project.

RIC Energy Bond

Planning Board members discussed the plans/ideas they had for the reclamation and decommissioning bond.

Todd suggested a 7-year plan for review of the decommissioning bond would be good and was agreed upon by the members.

Tom to have Chris Ross from RIC Energy send the Planning Board a new decommissioning plan that states they will review the plan every 7 years. Tom will also forward the Solar Array checklist to Chris and highlight #13, advising them of what the Planning Board would like. Once this has been done it can be submitted to the Knox Town Board for review.

Deb made a motion to adjourn, Bill second it, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 830.

Next meeting to be held February 9, 2023 at 730pm.