

Town of Enfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2015
Enfield Community Building

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PRESENT: Poney Carpenter, Ann Chaffee, Steve Givin, Henry Hansteen, Calvin Rothermich, Dan Walker

STAFF: Sue Thompson/Planning Board Recording Secretary
Alan Teeter, Code Enforcer

Guests: Thom Mayo

Dan Walker called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Henry Hansteen made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2015, meeting. Steve Givin seconded the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

Training Status for Board Members: Henry Hansteen and Dan Walker have participated in training workshops. Dan Walker will work at presenting a training session via the web at a future meeting.

Dan Walker introduced the application for the proposed Solar Farm 1 located at 1805 Mecklenburg Road Tax Map #9.-1-11 by Renovus Solar – Thom Mayo.

Thom Mayo explained the proposed Solar Farm 1. The Company will install 222/kw solar farm service, 23 residential clients, installation of new electrical service to serve the connection to the grid. They have leased the property for 25 years. Each client buys into the system for 25 years, at the end of the lease they may either extend or end lease. There will be voltage warning signs put up.

Dan Walker used the proposed solar farm law for the town as a reference for questions regarding the proposed Solar Farm 1.

Poney Carpenter made a motion to approve the Review of Part I SEQR (NY State Environmental Quality Review) dated November 19, 2015, for the Solar Farm 1 located at 1805 Mecklenburg Road Tax Map #9.-1-11 by Renovus Solar – Thom Mayo. Motion seconded by Henry Hansteen. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Walker directed the Board through the short SEQR application Part II. It was determined there would be no significance changes within the Solar Farm 1 area.

Dan Walker made the motion to accept the SEQR application Part II dated November 19, 2015, submitted by Renovus Solar – Thom Mayo Solar Farm 1 located at 1805 Mecklenburg Road Tax Map #9.-1-11. There shows no significant changes to the land within the Solar Farm area. Poney Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Board Vacancies

Town Board is considering reducing the Planning Board to 5 members. One of the reasons is that there has not been planning activity within the town that 7 members are needed. There was discussion on the change: are 7 board members needed; town population can be represented with 5 members; most towns have 5 board members; 1 agricultural member is needed. Ann Chaffee asked if the town could leave the two positions open and only fill them if needed. Dan Walker stated that an answer would have to come from the town attorney.

There is one vacancy on the Planning Board now and a second vacancy will occur with Henry Hansteen leaving to become a Town Board member. Dan Walker's term ends in 2015 he was asked by the Town Board to stay and take Henry Hansteen's position. This will move Dan Walker's term to 2020.

[Note: Terms – Calvin Rothermich 2016; Poney Carpenter 2017; Ann Chaffee 2018; Steve Givin 2019; Dan Walker 2020].

Dan Walker announced that there will be a Town Board meeting December 17 regarding the Black Oak Wind Farm. There was discussion regarding Mr. Teeter not leasing the property or selling property to the Farm like expected; the need of the Farm now looking for new property; wind mills being moved and higher than previously stated; the need for a supplemental environmental statement would be needed; contracts were presented to neighbors of the Farm for profit sharing of \$500 a year. Concerns of neighbors were: flicker - visual stimulate; noise; ice from fan, setbacks. Dan Walker stated discussion at the Town Board last month was a "little" heated.

Dan Walker and the rest of the board thanked Henry Hansteen for his service on the Planning Board.

Steve Givin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Poney Carpenter seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Thompson, Recording Secretary