

**Town of Oswego Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2020**

Chair: Tom Iorizzo

Vice-Chair: Francis Dellamano

Members: Ernie Mears, Lee Phillips, Barry Pritchard, Judy Sabin-Watson, David Sterio

Attorney: Kevin Caraccioli

Secretary: Kathy Delaney

The meeting was called to order by Tom Iorizzo at 7:02 PM.

Board attendance:

Francis Dellamano, Tom Iorizzo, Ernie Mears, Lee Phillips,, Judy Sabin-Watson. David Sterio

Excused:

Barry Pritchard

Others present:

Kevin Caraccioli, John Switzer (Summit Solar), Curt Nichols (Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors).

Last meeting minutes: Judy Sabin-Watson made a motion to approve the January 2020 meeting minutes, second by Ernie Mears. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Hearing (solar farm 8341 State Route 104):

The Planning Board asked questions regarding any changes (there are none), received an explanation on how the trackers work and the use of local labor. There will be a job fair for tradesmen, electricians and labor.

Ground breaking is planned for June with 4 months construction.

As there were no residents attending the Public Hearing, the Board declared it closed.

Old Business:

239 Review Response - Oswego County has raised an issue that nowhere in zoning regulations are solar farms permitted in the Town of Oswego and recommends denial.. A Use Variance will be sent to the Zoning Board for approval at the March meeting.

The County's comments also include:

Maintain native vegetation

Work within NYS DOT highway right of way.

Consult with Region 7 on endangered species – no wetland permits necessary.

IDA letter:

Clarification asked on number of megawatts to be used.

PILOT has been applied to the IDA. The IDA will hold a public hearing in the Town of Oswego.

IDA board meets February 27 to vote on what to approve for the tax structure.

Environmental Assessment Form:

The applicant is responsible for filling out part 1, the Planning Board as lead agency is required to fill out parts 2 and 3. No significant impacts were identified.

No further studies on environmental impact are needed.

Francis Dellamano made a motion to issue a negative declaration on parts 2 and 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form. Second by Lee Phillips. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carried.

David Sterio made a motion to override the 239 response, approving site plan as submitted, on the conditioned upon the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a use variance. Second by Ernie Mears. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion:

Welcome to our new board member, David Sterio.

Comprehensive Plan revisions is still ongoing.

Adjournment:

Lee Phillips made a motion to adjourn, second by Judy Sabin-Watson. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carried.

Next meeting:

March 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Delaney, Secretary