

Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
October 9, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Commissioners in attendance: John Piper, Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle

Commissioners not in attendance: Florentino Vasquez, Frank Lucia

Also Present: Art Taylor (Altus Power), Kurt Mayland, Stefanie McGinty, Steve Salvini, Jeff Smith

Chair Dick Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

New Business

Discussed list of questions received by email related to new solar development at 82 Curtis Hall Rd. Sent email with answers to questions related to: need for an RDA or ANRAD prior to an NOI, need for a site visit, need for stamped site plans as part of submittals, deadlines, town wetland bylaw, and existence of any town GIS databases.

Discussed new solar development site at George Mallard Road. Briefly reviewed a copy of the preliminary plans received from the Planning Board.

Continuing Business

Commission members signed Enforcement Order #2 for Park Avenue Solar

Met with representatives from Park Ave (North Blandford Rd) solar project to discuss recent enforcement order and their plans to address the order. Art Taylor of Altus power addressed the board but had no specific documents with him to review with the commission. Mr. Taylor indicated that the series of letters sent by Attorney Paul Haverty on 10/5/18 was the response to the Enforcement Order. The commission requested that Mr. Taylor provide an overview of the portions of those letters that directly address the requirements of the Order. Mr. Taylor discussed actions that had been completed at the site and that the plans going forward were to

wait for the grass that had been planted to grow, plant grass at the remaining 10-15 % of the site and then apply for construction permits. The Commission asked for more detailed plans of site activities planned to be implemented before winter sets in and Kurt Mayland indicated that such a plan would be prepared and submitted to the Commission.

Met with Board of Selectman to participate in discussions related to adjacent property owner (McGinty) issues at the Sunpin Solar project on Otis Stage Rd and the property with off road vehicle track at 113 Otis Stage Rd.

Met with Stefanie McGinity, property owner adjacent to the Sunpin solar project on Otis Stage Rd. and Salvini Associates at their request. Salvini Associates presented information indicating the existence of wetlands on the McGinty property and the adjacent portion of the Sunpin project property. The Commission indicated that this was new information and would discuss with MA-DEP.

Reviewed information regarding the property with off road vehicle track at 113 Otis Stage Rd.

Reviewed topics for subsequent Board of Selectman meeting scheduled for 7 PM

Reviewed mail delivery / receipt options presented by Joann Martin, Interim Select board Administrative Assistant.

Discussed overall status of Chester Rd, North Blandford Rd and Otis Stage Rd Solar Projects.

Continued discussion / review maps, etc., for Long Pond Area Conservation Land.

Continued discussion on Hunting / Permits for lands under Conservation Commission Oversight (Knittel, Shephard Farm, Other?)

Additional Items - None