

Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
October 22, 2018 6:00 PM

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

Commissioners not in attendance: Florentino Vasquez, Frank Lucia

Also Present:

Representing Sunpin- James Martin, Marta Nover, Marsel Kamberry, Alan Hanscom

Also Theresa Mitas, Joseph Stetz, Matt McGinty, Annie McQuillan, Rick Barnard, Cara Letendre, Joshua Garcia, John Thomas, Joseph Hamel

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

New Business

Cypress Creek Renewables regarding, 82 Curtis Hall Rd- Solar Project – Annie McQuillan addressed the Commission briefly and said that an ANRAD will be submitted in the near future. The Commission informed Annie that a Peer Consultant will be required to act on behalf of the Town.

12 George Millard - Solar Project – John Thomas of SWCA addressed the Commission and it was determined that an RDA package had been delivered to the Town Hall on 10/9/18 but was not addressed accurately and never was received by the Commission. The RDA package was located in the Planning Board's files (hence the official receipt date will be 10/22/18). John gave an overview of the project.

Continuing Business

Met with representatives from BETA /SUNPIN to discuss new wetland information received from Salvini Associates related to the solar development project at Otis Stage Road. Attorney James Martin (representing Sunpin) addressed the Commission and explained that in their opinion the limit of the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction had been set. Further, it was indicated by Martin that the new information related to the existence of wetlands at the

adjacent McGinty property and at an area on the Sunpin project property was not important due to the 2012 RDA determination and due to the Permit Extension Act 2012. The Commission responded that it was not sure how the determination issued by the Conservation Commission in April of 2012 was affected by the Permit Extension Act of 2012. Further, the Commission indicated that it was not clear if the 2012 determination would preclude the identification of additional wetland resource areas at the project property outside of those areas identified in 2012. The Commission also indicated that it would review these points with MA-DEP for clarification. A representative of BETA indicated that they did not agree that wetland resources existed in the locations that Salvini Associates had identified. BETA also provided an overview of options for relocating the site access road.

Reviewed status of mail delivery / receipt options

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

Discussed the 10/12/18 site visit by EPA to the North Blandford Rd. solar project

Discussed status of review of the Long Pond Area Conservation Land.

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

Additional Items- none