

Town of Blandford

Public Hearing Minutes

Sunpin Solar

August 8, 2018

Present: Rick Barnard, Julie Mueller, Jeff Allen, Sharon Barnard, Sarah Simpson

Call to Order: Rick Barnard, Chair

1. Chair opened public Hearing
2. Chair introduced parties
 - a. Dan Rubello, Sunpin Solar
 - b. Larry, Consultant from PVPC
3. Proponent explained proposal and supplemental changes due to peer review
4. Board Members ask questions
5. Chair opens Hearing to attendees
6. Board ask follow-up questions
7. If Board determines they have all of the information required to render their decision a motion/second/vote is made to identify specifically what additional information is required and who shall provide it.
8. Motion is made to continue the Hearing to a specific date/time/location
9. Once Public Hearing is closed no more information or testimony can be taken
10. Board deliberations will take place after the Public Hearing is closed.

Mr. Rubello, of Sunpin Solar, advised that site plans with surveyor stamp will be provided.

Mr. Rubello, of Sunpin Solar, stated that Sunpin is proposing a \$120,000 decommissioning bond.

Mr. Rubello, of Sunpin Solar, advised that the name of the contractor will be provided for the pre-construction meeting.

Stephanie McGinty abutter to property, expressed concerns about Sunpin representatives accessing her property, no easement, and about driveway location, tree buffers, and concerns for her well water.

Larry, of PVPC, reviewed draft conditions, highlighting:

1. Site plan is transferable and transferees must comply with all of its terms and conditions
2. Planning Board must be notified in writing at least 30 days prior to sale and or transfer of ownership. ***due to notification and ratification of PILOT program,

making amendment to condition to 23 days (from 30) to prevent another rescheduling of hearing***

3. Site plan is issued for 4.7 Mw Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installation.
4. Any change, extension or alteration of use shall require a new site plan to be approved by the Planning Board.
5. Approval shall lapse and become null and void if construction is not commenced within one (1) year of the date of its approval.
6. Approved waivers:
 - a. Scale of 1" = 20'
 - b. 2' existing topographic contours
 - c. Lighting plan
 - d. Traffic generation/patterns (applicant will prepare and file a construction period traffic control plan

It was motioned by Jeff Allen to close the public hearing, seconded by Julie Mueller. Motion passed unanimously to close public hearing.

It was motioned by Sarah Simpson to accept site plans with revisions, seconded by Sharon Barnard. Votes cast: Aye - Jeff Allen, Rick Barnard, Sharon Barnard, Sarah Simpson. Nay – Julie Mueller.

It was motioned by Sarah Simpson to approve site plans with revisions, seconded by Jeff Allen. Motion to approve site plans with revisions was unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Simpson, Secretary