

Town of Blandford
Planning Board Meeting

January 2, 2019

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

Call to Order: Rick Barnard, Chair

OPEN MEETING –7:04 PM

Sharon motioned to accept 12/5/18 meeting minutes. Jeff seconded. Voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman introduced Eric Weiss of PVPC (replacing Susan Westa) and Mike of VHB.

New procedure for peer review. Peer review funds will be held in an interest bearing account. Jeff motioned to go to \$10,000 peer review. Sharon seconded. Voted unanimously.

Julie Mueller will be acting Chairman for Rick's absence during January.

Mark Proshan has proposal for new land parcel from subdivision as he purchased neighboring plot and would like to make all one parcel of land (will be called 128 North Blandford). Board reviewed the plans and have no objection. Sharon made motion to accept plot plan of 128 North Blandford Road by Mark Proshan and Renee Tallon-Proshan. Jeff seconded. Voted unanimously with approval not required (ANR).

OLD BUSINESS

DG Solar (John Thomas-SWCA, Joe Hamel-George Millard Solar) GMS solar are going to restart full process and all new plans for peer review and would like to present at February 6 meeting (7 PM). Kevin McCaffrey will be handling in John Thomas' absence.)

Jeff asked if DG has gone through Conservation Commission, John Thomas confirmed attending CC 1/14/19 meeting to seek approval.

Eric will work with Josh (Town Administrator) to coordinate meeting with Department Heads.

Rick requested estimates from Mike and Eric, they will provide. John Thomas requested copy of correspondence to verify fees. Rick will provide.

John Thomas asked if \$10,000 escrow account would apply to any process fees. Eric confirmed that no process fees are able to be deducted from escrow.

Sun Pin Solar (Joe Hamel, George Millard Solar) Rick confirmed to Joe that plans should be resubmitted. Joe said wetland has grown and footprint has shrunken and wanted to know why being required to resubmit. Mike (VHB) confirmed that the access roads have changed and the site runs perpendicular to topography and reducing storm water basins – concerns about storm water.

Joe requested that it be a site plan review approval instead of a special permission. Eric advised that board will act based upon peer review advice. Joe advised that he is trying to get Conservation Commission approval during 1/14/19 CC meeting.

Board will have peer review conducted and board will communicate if minor or major change and if resubmission is required.

Marijuana By Laws – Don Brainerd is going to take over some of negotiations of the bylaw changes and will coordinate with Becky to make already suggested changes so that the board can focus on the marijuana bylaws.

Proposed budget for FY20

Rick reviewed updates.

Jeff moved to adjourn hearing. Sarah seconded. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Simpson, Secretary