

Town of Blandford
Planning Board Meeting

April 3, 2019

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

Call to Order: Rick Barnard, Chair

OPEN MEETING –7:02 PM

Julie motioned to accept minutes with changes, Jeff seconded. Voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

SOLAR

Otis Stage Road Solar and DG Solar #2 (George Millard Road) will have a hearing on April 17, 2019 @6:30 PM.

Board discussed DG Solar #2 extension request. DG Solar #2 asked for a 2 year extension. Jeff motioned to keep contract at one year instead of granting 2 year. Extension request required to be done 90 days prior to expiration of contract. Julie seconded. Voted unanimously.

PROPOSED BED & BREAKFAST

ZBA has received request for special permit for B&B on Russell State Road. Julie wanted to confirm if a site plan review is required by ZBA/Planning Board. Julie discussed concerns for parking and access. Jeff also expressed concern about safety of horse barn on premises.

Chairman confirmed that due to ‘change of use’ that a site plan review would need to be done.

Julie advised permit could come be granted by ZBA , but would still need to go to Board of Health, Planning Board.

Chairman advised to have it presented to ZBA and then request that it come before the Planning Board. Julie will handle instruction to applicant at ZBA meeting.

HIRING SOLAR ENGINEER CONSULTANT

Chairman wanted to confirm if Board members thought it would be a good idea to contract an engineer for inspection of solar projects on behalf of the Board, with cost of consultation to be conveyed to the project developer. Board all agreed. Jeff motioned to have Chairman obtain engineering estimates for each individual project. Sarah seconded. Voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

SOLAR

Park Avenue LLC - Chairman met with Park Avenue and requested written confirmation that addition of three rows of panels without any adjustment to plans or any approvals from Boards.

Chairman discussed with PVPC and peer review and they recommended that no need for new plans as long as written notice provided by engineer stating no impact to overall environment due to changes.

Chairman obtained written notification of net effect of changes to plan. Engineer for Park Avenue LLC provided written notice that there should not be an effect to soil erosion and impact the storm water management due to additional panels.

BY-LAWS / REDISTRICTING and MARIJUANA

Warrants were submitted to Select Board for both items to allow them to be brought before the town mini meeting.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn. Sarah seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Simpson, Secretary