

Town of Blandford  
Planning Board Meeting

April 1, 2020

**Present via teleconference:** Rick Barnard, Paul Martin, Edna Wilander, Michael Hutchins, Sarah Simpson

In attendance via teleconference: Joe Hamel, Kelton Kelly

OPEN MEETING –7:00 PM

Edna moved to accept 3/4/20 minutes as written, Sarah seconded. Voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

DG Solar

Rick confirmed that Board received email from Eversource. Joe stated that line clearance for road was a problem. Proposed to move the road south to avoid power line clearance. Other minor modifications. Kelton advised that optimized options from Eversource. Rick advised that CC ok with changes as is Mike Petrin of VHB also OK. Michael moved to approve changes as submitted, Edna seconded. Voted unanimously.

Prints state 60%, Rick asked how much more change do we expect to have? Kelton advised that engineering going for approval internally, explained no layout changes for layout or storm water, refers more to electrical.

Rick mentioned to Joe \$75k bond needed before building permit will be issued. Joe advised understands but due to current social restrictions not able to provide date bond to be issued.

Otis Stage Road

Temporary plans approved by MA DEP for storm water due to no vegetation on site. Plans being sent on Friday (4/3/20) will be plans that reflect the permanent structures to remain once project is completed.

Rick asked about boulders on site. Kelton explained due to temporary construction, will be buried and out of sight. Rick said that he wanted to make sure complying with conditions. Joe assured they are.

Planning Board Rules and Regulations

Edna mentioned that subdivisions referenced but not in bylaws. She also stated that cluster housing was turned down by town, but also referenced. Discussion ensued about potential changes to R&R.

Rick suggested that we let this issue lie until the board is able to meet in person.

April 15, 2020 Hearing

Michael suggested postponing hearing as Town Meeting delayed until June. Rick advised the hearing has been advertised and wanted to know how the Board felt about proceeding with the hearing via phone/video? Michael discussed the logistical problems with tele/video conference. Board discussed and decided to cancel 4/15/20 hearing and reschedule for 5/20/20 in gymnasium at Town Hall for social distancing purposes.

Miscellaneous

Michael asked if town has processed invoice from attorney fees? Paul confirmed yes.

Performance bond is renewing in May, Rick advised that they are aware and taking care of it.

Sarah moved to adjourn. Paul seconded. Voted unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Simpson, Secretary