

Town of Blandford
Planning Board Meeting

June 3, 2020

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

OPEN MEETING –7:00 PM

Sarah moved to accept 5/6/20 minutes as written, Paul seconded. Voted unanimously.

Board signed all approved minutes to date for submission to Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Report

Paul provided Board with financial update/status as of May 31, 2020. One invoice outstanding. Board reviewed status of solar peer review accounts.

Syncarpha/Chester Road

Letter from Syncarpha requesting conditional sign off on building permit to shore up financing for solar company. Board discussed and confirmed that an on-site meeting is scheduled for June 25. Board collectively felt that Planning Board should be final sign off. All Board members agreed to wait until completion before signing off.

DG Solar/George Millard Road

Rick advised need performance and decommissioning bond. Rick advised that both were received and provided to Town Administrator to forward to Town Clerk. Joe Hamill contacted Rick to advise no signature received. Rick inquired and confirmed that bonds have been lost. DG Solar reissuing bonds. DG would like to start in August, Rick advised that all prior projects started in August were in bad condition in December. Joe advised that not clearing trees, should be OK. Rick recommended to start earlier.

Blandford Sun/Otis Stage Road

Has DEP involvement. Still 6-8 weeks out. Unable to approve until DEP does.

Park Avenue/North Blandford Road

When Conservation Commission tried to inspect, were advised by DEP that they are handling.

Solar Bylaw Hearing (6/17/20)

Estimate to post hearing notice with Westfield news was \$1700, posted in the Country Journal instead.

Rick spoke with Paul Bobrowski and advised he does not need to be present. Edna working on Power Point presentation to present to Town citizens.

NEW BUSINESS

MVP Grant – Edna advised Board of details of PVPC grant and reviewed potential options for additional town enhancements from grant. Board discussed that formal proposals are not available for review, and grant is State funded. Based upon circumstances Board is very hesitant to support based upon lack of details and assurances of the grant.

Edna moved to adjourn. Sarah seconded. Voted unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Simpson, Secretary