

Town of Blandford

Planning Board Meeting and Public Hearing for
Proposed Battery Energy Storage Systems Bylaw

January 10, 2024

Present: Edna Wilander, Paul Martin, Sarah Simpson, Bob Twyman,
Ken Comia – PVPC (Greg Garfield is absent.)
Deresa Helems, Karon Hathaway – Huntington Planning and Zoning Boards

Call to Order: Paul Martin, Chairman

OPEN MEETING –6:07 PM

Motion: Sarah moved to accept the December 6, 2023 hearing minutes as written. Edna seconded. Voted unanimously.

Motion: Paul made a motion to close the meeting and open the public hearing for bylaw amendments for Battery Energy Storage System. Edna seconded. Voted unanimously.

Paul opened the hearing at 6:10 PM

Edna read the hearing notice.

Paul opened the hearing for public discussion.

Ken Comia advised that there have been minor changes since the last meeting and wanted to update everyone present.

Ken reviewed the changes made since last meeting, and everyone agreed to the minor changes after Ken explained them.

Paul opened the floor for questions. There were none.

Motion: Sarah moved to close the public hearing and reopen the meeting. Edna seconded. Voted unanimously.

Paul closed the hearing and reopened the meeting at 6:19.

OLD BUSINESS

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) – Proposed Bylaw

Paul opened the floor for further Board discussion. There was none.

Motion: Paul moved to accept the proposed bylaw change, and to provide required documents to the Select Board with the Planning Board's recommendation. Edna seconded. Voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS


Paul advised that David Droz of Exus Company, contacted the Board, inquiring about a 50 MW (3 acre) installation, abutting an existing solar project on North Blandford Road.

Paul stated that he informed Mr. Droz of the current proposed bylaw, and inquired if the proposed property contains wetlands. Mr. Droz confirmed that the property does. Paul advised Mr. Droz that the bylaw is in process of being approved and voted, and advised Mr. Droz that if the property contains wetlands, Paul recommended that Mr. Droz contact the Conservation Commission prior to beginning any process.

Motion: Edna moved to close meeting. Sarah seconded. Voted unanimously.

Meeting closed at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Simpson, Secretary



Paul Martin, Chairman



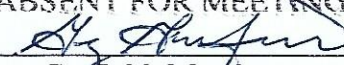
Edna Wilander, Vice Chairman



Sarah Simpson, Secretary



Robert Twyman, Member

ABSENT FOR MEETING 1/10/24


Greg Garfield, Member