

**Town of Westerlo
Planning Board
Westerlo, New York
Planning Board Meeting**

Minutes

Date: March 26th, 2019

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

Board Members: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, Edwin Stevens, and Doyle Shaver Jr.

Interim Town Attorney: Javid Afzali (not present)

Code Enforcement Officer: Jeff Pine (present)

Board Members Present: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, and Edwin Stevens

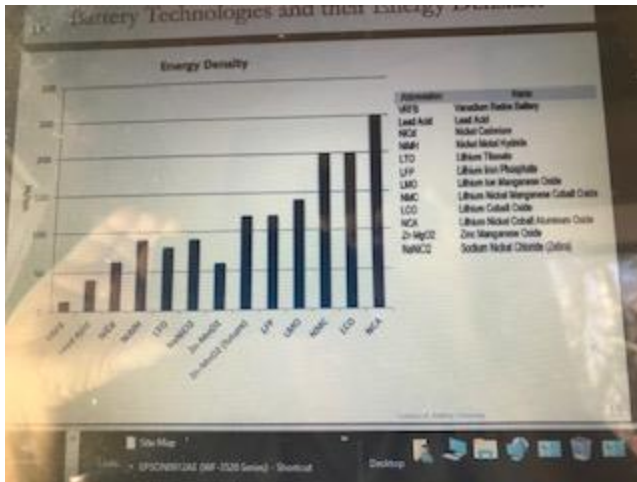
The Planning Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dorothy Verch at 7:00 pm. Chairperson Dorothy Verch led the pledge to the flag.

The board reviewed January's minutes. Richard Kurylo made motion to accept the minutes; Edwin Stevens seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

The board reviewed February's minutes. Edwin Stevens made motion to accept the minutes with a minor change; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Old Business:

Dotty Verch introduced consultant Tripp Hyde from Hyde Engineering Services and Michael Conway from Borrego Solar Systems. She briefly read information regarding their backgrounds. Mr. Hyde, Mr. Conway, Mr. Shanahan (of Clean Energy Collectives) and members of the Planning Board engaged in a question and answer period discussing various points of the safety and purpose of the storage systems. The type of lithium storage battery that Borrego and CEC intend to use is the NMC lithium battery. The different types are lithium nickel, cobalt, and aluminum oxide. The battery fires that occurred in Hawaii and Japan were lithium cobalt oxide-lco. These are not the batteries that are being suggested for use here in Westerlo.



Dorothy Verch opened public hearings for application #17-009, Medusa Solar Farm, tax map #162.-1-2.20 & application #17-010, Westerlo Solar Farm, tax map #176.00-1-46.1. Mr. Shanahan, present. After reviewing the site plan, it was discovered the setbacks were 50' and it is required to be 100'. The current Solar Law states 100' setback is required. The public hearings have been tabled until the April 23rd meeting.

Peter Lawn, representative for Cypress Creek, was supposed to present new site plan for Costanza Solar Farm, application #17-005, tax map # 162.-2-4. This has been tabled until April meeting.

New Business:

Shepherd Solar East & West, represented by Borrego Solar, Emily Flannagan will be submitting application. Mike Conway present to explain project. It is tabled until April 23rd meeting.

Gerry Boone made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm and Richard Kurylo seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jennifer Bungay
 Planning Board Clerk