

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

**Minutes**

**Date: October 30, 2018**

**Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York**

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

**Town Attorney: Aline D. Galgay, Esq.-not present**

**Zoning Administrator: Edwin Lawson -present**

**Board Members Present: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Richard Kurylo, Doyle Shaver Jr., 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 minutes from the September meeting will be approved at the November meeting.

Old Business:

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing for application #17-005, Costanza Solar Farm, tax map # 162.-2-4. This public hearing is due to a site plan amendment. At the site of the solar farm, there will be an addition of a battery storage unit. David Weightman from Cypress Creek stated that the number of panels will be reduced do to this change. Cypress Creek's site plan reflects a reduction in size of the array because of the availability of smaller more efficient panels. These panels will increase the distance of the array from the homes on Strawberry Lane, Mr. Sharkey's residence and Mr. Maier's residence. The board wants proof of third party testing, MSDS, and a letter from the fire company regarding the battery storage unit. The SEQR needs to be amended. Public Hearing postponed until November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The public hearing for Shephard Farm LLC has been postponed until November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing for application #17-009, Medusa Solar Farm, tax map #162.-1-2.20. This public hearing is due to a site plan amendment. At the site of the solar farm, there will be an addition of a battery storage unit. Joe Shanahan was present on behalf of the solar farm. The

board wants proof of third party testing, MSDS, and a letter from the fire company regarding the battery storage unit. The SEQR needs to be amended. Public Hearing postponed until November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing for application #17-010, Westerlo Solar Farm, tax map #176.00-1-46.1. This public hearing is due to a site plan amendment. At the site of the solar farm, there will be an addition of a battery storage unit. Joe Shanahan was present on behalf of the solar farm. Dotty read a letter from Len & Jyl DeGiovine regarding a negative aesthetic impact of the solar farm. The board wants proof of third party testing, MSDS, and a letter from the fire company regarding the battery storage unit. The SEQR needs to be amended. Public Hearing postponed until November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The Planning Board, in response to requests from the residents, engage an engineering firm that specializes in Energy Storage Systems to assist the Planning Board with understanding these systems. Mr. Shanahan of Clean Energy Collectives and Mr. Weightman of Cypress Creek have offered to pay for the engineering firm. In addition, both firms, Cypress Creek and Clean Energy Collectives will provide training for the fire company in the operation of the Energy Storage Systems.

New Business:

Discussed upcoming training on November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Kurylo made motion to adjourn the meeting and Doyle Shaver, Jr. seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Bungay  
Planning Board Clerk