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

Minutes

Date: December 19, 2018

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

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

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

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 September's minutes. Doyle Shaver Jr. made motion to accept the minutes; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

The board reviewed November's minutes. Gerry Boone made motion to accept the minutes; Richard Kurylo seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Old Business:

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing 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, through an email, requested the public hearing be postponed until January 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing for application #17-005, Costanza Solar Farm, tax map # 162.-2-4. David Weightman present on behalf of Cypress Creek. Mr. Sharkey voiced concerns about where battery will be located. He also wants to see data sheet. Thomas Locklear, abutter on Strawberry Lane, voiced concerns regarding the safety of the energy storage system. Mr. Weightman met with Ms. Maier regarding the damage done to her property by CCR Subcontractors and the repairs would be addressed in the spring. Kevin Flensted from Westerlo Fire Dept. present voicing concerns if there is ever an incident. He suggested the option of using a smaller vehicle instead of their main fire truck. The fire department will take offered training. The concerns expressed were primarily about the storage system. Mr. Weightman addressed concerns of the abutters. We are waiting for the town board to approve the consultant, Hyde Engineering, whom will be present at next meeting. The public hearing has been postponed until January 22nd at 7:00 pm.

New Business:

Received application for J & J Construction, Inc., Jacob Irwin for a special use permit for a commercial garage. Application tabled until January 22nd meeting.

The meeting was discussed between ACPB Senior planner, Michaela Sweeney and Dorothy. ACPB will no longer accept hand sketched drawings for site plans. They will have to be professionally rendered drawings. Otherwise the application will be refused.

There was some pushback from the members of the board. It woud be a hardship to applicants. Dorothy would seek clarification from the ACPB for the next meeting.

Richard Kurylo made motion to adjourn the meeting and Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Bungay Planning Board Clerk