

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
July 1, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)
Thomas Kline
Tim Elliott
Richard Fisher
Kathy Blackburn

Others Present

Bridget O'Toole Zoghlin Law
Jack Oster Zoghlin Law
Brad Hazel
Anna Callard
Shawn Callard
Mike Kuhman
Ed Thering
Lorrie Thering
Heidi Marciniak
Andy Marciniak
Dan Wolfe
Joseph Hamel-via telephone

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fenton opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 Agenda. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the meeting agenda; second by Kathy Blackburn. All in favor, the motion was carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the March 4, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by Kathy Blackburn to accept the minutes as written; Richard Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, the Motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Fenton stated he had copies of the Town of Ridgeway's previous meeting minutes if any of the board members would like to read them after.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Hazel has submitted a Site Plan Review application and Special Use Permit application to open a previous Machine shop in Knowlesville. Board members Tim Elliott and Kathy Blackburn, and Code Enforcement Officer Dan Wolfe will meet Brad Hazel at the shop to conduct the site plan review on Thursday July 2, 2020 at 2pm. At this point Mr Hazel left the meeting.

Application coming for Medina Solar Project. Mark Sweeney had approval from Dan Spitzer-Hodson Russ, to forgo preplanning meeting and submit application directly to Dan Wolfe and Dan Spitzer. We received notification on June 29, 2020 that they have sent the plans for the projects. We received them on June 30, 2020. A copy of the project has been forwarded to the town's engineer MRB Group for their recommendations.

Joseph Hamel from Next Era Energy called into the meeting at this time. Next Era has submitted a third revision to the Swett Road Solar project. He was available for the planning board members to ask questions. The Planning Board had forwarded a copy to the Town's engineer MRB Group for their recommendations. The Town Planning Board received an eight-page letter from MRB Group in regard to the Swett Road Solar Project recommendations as well as Next Era. Joe Hamel, from Next Era, stated that his company was working on making the recommended changes but hadn't completed them as of the meeting. Once these changes are complete, his company will forward to MRB Group directly and resubmit the proposal with MRB Groups approval. Joe Hamel did ask a question in regard to the Towns waterline easement on the property and if crossing it with the proposed access road would create any issues. He was advised to ask MRB Group and the Town's attorney. Chairman Fenton asked the board if they had any further questions for Mr. Hamel. They did not. Chairman Fenton stated he felt the board should table the project until they receive MRB Group's recommendation. He asked for a motion to table the project until all information is received. Kathy Blackburn made the motion and a second was made by Tim Elliott. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Bridget O'Toole, Zoghlin Law- attorney representing the Ridgeway Residents Against Industrial Solar, asked if we had received her email yesterday. The board did receive an Email copy requesting that the Planning Board make a positive declaration of environmental significance or, in the alternative, deny site plan approval for this project. A copy was given to Chairman Fenton, as well as the town's attorneys. Again, no decisions have been made on the project and it was tabled until all information is received.

Chairman Fenton asked the code enforcement officer about the Beals Rd solar project and if they were going to mow and replace the dead trees in the tree line. Dan Wolfe stated he had been in contact with the property owner who was going to mow and bale the hay in the very near future. He also stated the Borrego was in the process of posting a bond to replace the dead trees.

Chairman Fenton asked the code enforcement officer about the tree line in front of Dollar General as there were several dead trees there as well. Dan Wolfe will address with the company.

Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Fisher made the motion and was seconded by Tim Elliott. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk