

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
March 2, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Others Present

Shaun Logue-MRB
Marc Kenward- Erdman Anthony
Trevor Glantz- Erdman Anthony
Jason Raduns- Code Enforcement

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 March 2, 2022 Agenda. Motion was made by Kathy Blackburn to accept the meeting agenda; second by Richard Fisher. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the February 2, 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the minutes as written; second by Kathy Blackburn. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A training flyer was handed out to the members of the board from Corey Winters At the County Planning Board for a NYS Agricultural districts webinar training on March 16. This will count toward your land use credits needed each year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The members of the Planning Board were introduced to the new Code Enforcement Officer, Jason Raduns. There was no other new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marc Kenward from Erdman Anthony presented the changes to the application in response to MRB's review letter dated January 28, 2022. Some revisions included minor revisions to the turn around and an additional one added, moved the fence line out to account for Orleans County EMO's request to have

vehicle access within the perimeter, and replacing a culvert. Marc stated that the wetlands permit application would be going in in the next few weeks.

Chairman Fenton asked for a resolution Declaring Intent to be SEQRA Lead Agency for the 2668 Swett Road Solar Project.

RESOLUTION 3: 3-2-2022

**RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO
BE SEQRA LEAD AGENCY FOR 2668
SWETT ROAD SOLAR PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board (hereinafter referred to as "Planning Board"), is considering Site Plan Approval to allow for the development of a proposed 5-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) solar photovoltaic (PV) project located within the Town of Ridgeway. The proposed Projects will be located at 2668 Swett Road as described in the Site Plans last revised February 22, 2022 and all other relevant information submitted as of November 4, 2020 (the current application); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determines that said Action is classified as a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act, ECL Article 8, and its implementing regulations at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved and interested agencies under SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

WHEREAS, the following other agencies are involved or interested agencies for the purpose of SEQRA review:

- a. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- b. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
- c. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- d. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
- e. New York State Department of Transportation
- f. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
- g. Orleans County Planning and Development Department
- h. Orleans County Emergency Management Office
- i. Orleans County Economic Development Agency
- j. Medina Central School District
- k. Town of Ridgeway Town Board

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer is directed to provide notice hereof to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing on or before **12:00 PM on Monday, April 4, 2022**.

The above resolution was offered by Timothy Elliott and seconded by Kathy Blackburn at a meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Following discussion thereon, the following roll call vote was taken and recorded:

4 Ayes (Chairman Fenton, Kathy Blackburn, Tom Kline, Tim Elliott)
0 Nays, 1 abstention (Richard Fisher)

Chairman Fenton asked for a resolution to call for a public hearing for a Special Use Permit for proposed solar project at 2668 Swett Road.

RESOLUTION 4: 3-2-2022

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT AT 2668 SWETT ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is considering a Special Use Permit for a proposed 5-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) solar photovoltaic (PV) project located within the Town of Ridgeway

WHEREAS, The Planning Board wishes to hold a public hearing on the Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. A public hearing will be held on the Project on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:05pm at the Town Hall. The Town Clerk shall publish notice of the hearing in the Town's official newspaper and post the notice.
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Board of the Town of Ridgeway on the 2nd of March, 2022.

The above resolution was offered by Kathy Blackburn and seconded by Tom Kline at a meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Following discussion thereon, the following roll call vote was taken and recorded:

4 Ayes (Chairman Fenton, Kathy Blackburn, Tom Kline, Tim Elliott)
0 Nays, 1 abstention (Richard Fisher)

Chairman Fenton asked Code enforcement officer Jason Raduns to look into status of trees on the Beals Road Solar project. He recalls a landscaping bond in place to do this and it appears it has not been done as of yet. Also consider using SUP renewal process to our advantage.

Chairman Fenton asked if there were any other concerns, since there were no other concerns, Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Elliott made the motion and was seconded by Richard Fisher. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm. This will include a public hearing at 7:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk