

Planning Board

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2018

PRESENT were RUSSELL OSTER, CHAIRMAN, LINDA STANCLIFFE, DAVID TARBOX, and KEVIN MAINELLO.

ABSENT were MICHAEL CZORNYJ, DONALD HENDERSON, and TIMOTHY CASEY.

ALSO PRESENT were KAREN GUASTELLA, Brunswick Building Department, and WAYNE BONESTEEL, P.E., Review Engineer to the Planning Board.

Chairman Oster reviewed the agenda for the special meeting, which includes a review of the High Peaks Solar Environmental Assessment Form and application documents in connection with the proposed commercial solar facility located at 566 Brunswick Road.

The first item of business on the agenda of this special meeting was a SEQRA determination for the High Peaks Solar special use permit/site plan/subdivision application. Chairman Oster requested Attorney Gilchrist to update the Board. Attorney Gilchrist stated that the Brunswick Planning Board had been declared SEQRA lead agency through a coordination environmental review on this action. Attorney Gilchrist stated that he and Mr. Bonesteel had reviewed the Part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form and application materials, and that Mr. Bonesteel had prepared a proposed Parts 2 and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Board's review and consideration in making its determination of environmental significance. Chairman Oster then requested Mr. Bonesteel to review the proposed Parts 2 and 3 of the

Environmental Assessment Form, copies of which were before the Board. Mr. Bonesteel did review proposed responses for the Board's consideration on Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form. With respect to section 9(g) on Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Attorney Gilchrist stated that the Board should consider adding as a mitigation measure the requirement that a vegetative buffer must be installed by the applicant along the northern boundary of the solar panel installation adjacent to the regulated federal wetland to provide a vegetative buffer to adjacent residential properties to the north. The Planning Board concurred with this mitigation to be listed in section 9(g) of the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2. With respect to the proposed Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Attorney Gilchrist noted that the SEQRA classification of this action is "unlisted"; that the Planning Board serving as SEQRA lead agency has reviewed and considered Parts 1 and 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form in addition to the application documents and supplementary information, and that the proposed Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form provides that the project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impact, and therefore a negative declaration would be adopted. The Planning Board then discussed the Parts 1 and 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form, and considered the adoption of the SEQRA negative declaration through Part 3. Chairman Oster inquired whether there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, Member Mainello made a motion to adopt a negative declaration on this action pursuant to SEQRA based upon the review and assessment of the Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1 and 2, with the negative declaration being set forth in Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form. Member Tarbox seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and a SEQRA negative declaration adopted. Chairman Oster executed Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment

Form, and directed that all filing requirements under the SEQRA regulations be met. No further action was taken on this application at this time.

The index for the June 18, 2018 special meeting is as follows:

1. High Peaks Solar - Special use permit/site plan/subdivision - SEQRA negative declaration adopted.