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A meeting of the Town of Freetown **Planning Board** was held on **March 5, 2013** at the Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA. Members present were Chairman Robert Raymond, Mark Rogers, Marc Tisdelle, Mike Motta, and Keven Desmarais.

Rich Rheume of Prime Engineering and Jared Connell of Borrego approached the board in regard to the site plan review process for the proposed Hawes Braley Rd. solar array. They stated they would like for construction to begin in June and intend to hand in their site review application and fees shortly to start the clock.

Rich Rheume stated that they would be cutting trees to the wetlands line with a 25ft buffer and also leaving 100 ft of vegetation between Braley Rd and the solar panels. He stated that the top 18 inches of panels will be seen over the vegetation. A 61A forestry plan is required for this project and is underway. Mr. Rheume stated that he is looking for guidance from the planning board as to completeness of the package before it goes to the town clerk and would like to conduct a public hearing in April.

Keven Desmarais noted that the first Borrego solar array on Braley Rd. still had some outstanding issues with water runoff into the street. Mr. Rheume stated that the issues with the first facility will be addressed. Robert Raymond stated that the applicants may want to include a maintenance plan in with their application, and also that the board will process the application and schedule a hearing shortly. Site visits are to be expected.

Mike Motta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mark Rogers, all voted in favor.

