



Planning Board Minutes – April 2, 2013

A meeting of the Town of Freetown **Planning Board** was held on **April 2, 2013** at the Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA. **Present:** Chairman Robert Raymond, Mark Rogers, Marc Tisdelle, and Keven Desmarais.

A. Signing of Schedule of Bills Payable (7:07 PM) Motion: Keven Desmarais **Second:** Robert Raymond
Unanimously Voted

B. Confirmation of 3/17/13 First Wind LLC Letter (7:11 PM)

The board confirmed the 3/17/13 letter from First Wind LLC stating all project revisions (67 Chase) were in compliance with the previously approved site plans. **Motion:** Keven Desmarais **Second:** Marc Tisdelle
Unanimously Voted

C. Hawes Braley Rd. Solar Array Site Plan Review Public Hearing (7:15 PM)

At 7:15, Robert Raymond called to order the public hearing. Evan Watson of Prime Engineering presented the plans and outlined the process of energy collection. At 7:23, the hearing was opened up to the public. EW addressed the following abutter and Planning Board concerns:

- Re: wetlands replication, only 1 sq ft would be affected. Since it is such a small area, they did not address the issue
- Re: runoff on abutting properties, the cover type change from “woods” to “grass/meadow” has similar curve numbers and therefore will make little difference, except for shortly after tree clearing. Within a year, when grass is grown, this increase would be substantially reduced. JC stated that during construction, erosion control measures would be filed with DEP and EPA, including hay bales and rain gardens.
- Re: environmental concerns, no storage of energy would occur onsite, and no chemicals can leech out of the panels. Animals would be displaced, but small foraging animals and birds would not be affected. There will be a 6 inch gap at the bottom of the fence for small animals to go through.
- Re: construction commencement and duration, 3-5 months starting in June or July.

The Board requested:

- Erosion control plan during construction, pre and post development watershed plans, details relative to time of concentration for runoff, and locations of required onsite sediment traps for engineering review by Marc Tisdelle

Motion to Continue Hearing to 4/16/13 at 7PM: Keven Desmarais **Second:** Mark Rogers **Unanimously Voted**

D. Discussion of surety/covenant for Locust Acres (8:20 PM)

A construction estimate was requested to determine how much surety is required.

E. Discussion of Tammy Mendes & Paul Reynolds Quanapoag Rd. Lot Lines (8:42PM)

Ms. Mendes and Mr. Reynolds were looking to swap adjoining parcels. The board suggested that if they did so, Ms. Mendes would lose frontage, and no longer grandfathered, thus any project would warrant a hearing by the ZBA. The Board suggested that perhaps an easement drafted by an attorney might be in her better interest.

F. Misc

Drafted articles re: zoning bylaws for Annual Town Meeting were given out for review for next meeting.

Motion to appoint Lauren Moreau as SRPEDD delegate: Keven Desmarais **Second:** Mark Rogers
Unanimously Voted

Meeting Adjourned (9:30 PM)