Planning Board Minutes - May 7, 2013



A meeting of the Town of Freetown **Planning Board** was held on **May 7, 2013** at the Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA. **Present:** Chairman Robert Raymond, Mark Rogers, and Marc Tisdelle. **EW** – Evan Watson of Prime enginnering; **JC** – Jared Connell, Borrego; **DA** – David Albrecht, Borrego

- A. Meeting called to order by Chairman Raymond (7:05)
- B. Call to order continuation of public hearing for Hawes Solar Braley Rd II (7:06 PM)

Evan Watson presented copies of a revised plan, resubmitted to the board on 5/3/13, following review and discussions with Mr. Tisdelle. Revisions include:

- Fence detail to show 6" gap at bottom
- Additional erosion control measures and calculations
- Sediment trap locations

- Essential construction sequence
- Construction specs to reduce runoff to abutters
- Tub ground mulch extending around entire project perimeter

The applicants will copy the board on any required inspection reports following heavy rains. Motion to close hearing (7:43 PM): Mark Rogers; Second: Marc Tisdelle; unanimously voted

After some discussion, the following conditions were decided on:

- The construction sequence will be revised to reflect the construction and installation of the silt fence first, at the request of EW
- One week prior to commencement of earth disturbance activities, the applicants should hold a meeting with town's consulting engineer
- Town's consulting engineers will begin weekly inspections as needed at the time of commencement of earth disturbance activities
- A final as-built plan will be submitted and reviewed by the town's consulting engineer, showing as-built topography, panel layouts, raingardens, all access ways, fencing, and utilities above and under ground

Motion to approve site plans entitled revised through 5/2/13 with associated conditions (7:49 PM): Marc Tisdelle; Second: Mark Rogers; unanimously voted

- C. Jared Connell; David Albrecht of Borrego to discuss earth removal changes at 67 Chace solar array (7:52 PM)

 A study conducted by Borrego showed 40,000 cu yds of material has been removed by the owner under an existing earth removal permit, creating a substantial elevation change. Proposed revisions include moving the access road to the east side of the project, constructing an open grass line swale, and moving the fence line.

 Borrego will provide a letter describing said changes impact on the project by week's end.
- D. Sandy Conaty of SRPEDD to discuss PMUD Rules & Regulations draft (8:02 PM)

After some discussion, the board agreed that any PMUD applications should also go to the Historical Commission for review, and a submittal checklist should also be included with the application. Ms. Conaty and Bob Raymond will discuss further revisions, an amended draft will be ready for a second meeting in June. When approved by the board, a public hearing will be scheduled.

E. Motion to sign Locust Acres (9:25 PM) Covenant and C-1: Mark Rogers

Mare Tiedelle and Mark Pagers signed: heard asked for one more condition to be

Marc Tisdelle and Mark Rogers signed; board asked for one more condition to be added to conditions of approval, specifying the project will be subject to inspections by the town's consulting engineer.

F. Meeting Adjourned (9:40 PM)