

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Skowhegan Community Center

PRESENT:

Steve Conley, Chairman
Todd Smith, Vice Chairman
Stephen Gould, Secretary
Steve St. Pierre
Joel Greenwood, Planner
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT : Harvey Austin, Kris Laney, Brady Chapman

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Bryan Belliveau, Code Enforcement Officer
Gene Rouse
Jason Gayne
Brian Byrne, Revision Energy
Steve Hinderman, Revision Energy
Richard Roderick, Lacey Audet,

1) QUORUM:

Planning Board Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M. Quorum was present.

2) MINUTES OF THE February 4, 2020 PLANNING BOARD MEETING TO BE APPROVED:

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

3) SITE PLAN

A) Discussion and decision on the Site Plan application for the proposed Solar Array project submitted by Dirt Solar, LLC (previously submitted as Revision Energy) located at 35 East Ridge Rd.

Stephen Gould recused himself from voting on this project.

Steve Hinderman reviewed the project and some updates to the project. He provided an official survey of the property as well as a decommissioning plan. Revision Energy has also worked out an agreement with the abutting neighbors regarding tree planting for a buffer to the project.

Motion by Todd Smith to approve the Site Plan application submitted by Dirt Solar, LLC for the solar array project located on East Ridge Rd. Seconded by Steve St. Pierre. Motion passed 2-0-1.

Joel said he will finish up the findings of facts and conclusions of law tomorrow and will send them to the applicant and Steve Conley to sign. He said all of the reviewed additional documents will be added to the application.

4) ITEMS BY THE PUBLIC:

5) COMMUNICATIONS:

None

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Turning Lane Update

An email was received from Greg Dore regarding an update on both proposed turning lanes in town.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

A) Discussion on the proposed Fireworks Ordinance

Everyone reviewed the draft proposed Fireworks Ordinance Joel has come up with. Steve Gould said he would not have a problem with this if the police department would even be able to enforce it. He doesn't think they would be able to find who set them off in some cases because by the time the police got there they could be gone. Steve Conley said the 100 yard limit would be pretty restrictive.

Jason Gayne said he has spoken with the fireworks retailers and they have said that when fireworks first got approved they had a lot of sales throughout the year. However now it has died down and they mainly only sell them on the Fourth of July and New Years which is not restricted in this ordinance.

Todd Smith said he would like to know just how many complaints we have had about fireworks since the last meeting with the Selectmen. Gene Rouse said he thinks maybe 2 or 3.

It was decided to table this discussion until the next joint meeting with the Selectmen.

B) Discussion on the proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance amendments

Steve Conley said he would like to see a marked up draft of the changes Joel has done to the current ordinance. Joel said he can send that to everyone tomorrow. He said there have not been any additions to the current ordinance. He just removed items to bring it up to State requirements. He said they can send this onto the Selectmen.

Motion by Steve Gould to pass the proposed changes to the Shoreland Ordinance onto the Selectmen for their review and approval. Seconded by Todd Smith. Motion passed 3-0.

8) ITEMS BY:

a) SELECTMEN:

None

b) DEPARTMENT HEADS:

c) **MEMBERS:**

d) **CHAIRMAN:**

e) **STAFF:**

9) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Todd Smith to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., Seconded by Stephen Gould.
Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved on May 5, 2020.

Chairman
