

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
MONOLITH-LANDFILL SOLAR ARRAY

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Wally Sheffer, Jerry McAuliffe, Bruce Patire,
Andy Beaty and Attorney Mark McQuerry

A continued public hearing from July 5, 2016 was held on August 1, 2016 at 7 P.M. for the Monolith solar array at the old landfill in the Town of Hoosick

Mr. Ulasewicz stated that Mr. Erby was unable to attend the public hearing. He stated that he feels that a fence would be too costly around the whole project at the landfill. The Zoning Board stated that there could be a perimeter fence for the project. The Zoning Board discussed different fence options and needs a plan for fencing.

Lisa Revet inquired how this project happened illegally. Zoning Board said that Monolith came to a meeting and never returned and was issued a building permit from the previous building inspector.

Kevin Allard stated that he did not see any pictures of fencing when the project was presented and inquired if a CO was issued.

Mr. Ulasewicz stated that there is a gate and they could add a second gate to protect the project. He feels a fence would be costly to the village and they received the building permit for the project.

Mrs. Parker stated that the project is not protected and there is activity at the site all the time. There are 4 Wheelers and Motorbikes regularly seen at the landfill site and that is a concern.

Rick Tinkham inquired about how the permit process works and when is a CO issued. The Zoning Board stated that a CO will not be issued until a permit process is complete. Mr. Hoag stated that Monolith never came back for the proper special permit for the project but the building permit was issued in error by the previous building inspector and they are now trying to make the process work by reviewing the project in detail and make sure safety issues are addressed to issue the special permit.

Lisa Revet thanked the Zoning Board for sticking up for the Town of Hoosick.

Kevin Allard stated that he feels the Village of Hoosick Falls is knowingly operating the site without a CO. Mayor Borge stated that Monolith owns the project.

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Mrs. Parker stated the landfill is being reviewed by DEC to become a superfund site since the last Zoning Board meeting. She wanted to know who will pay to take the site away if they declare this a superfund site with the high PFOA. Mayor Borge stated that Monolith would have to do this according to the lease agreement.

The public hearing will be left open for the September meeting. The issue of the fencing and safety plan has to be evaluated.