

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2023

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Gary Sussman, Fred Pirie, Eric Ziehm  
Mike Bailey and Attorney Gilchrist

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairman Hoag with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mike Bailey to approve the September minutes, seconded by Gary Sussman, all in favor, motion granted.

Kevin Schwenzfeier from Laberge Engineering appeared before the Zoning Board to discuss the Hawthorne Solar Array. He stated that in all there were 48 comments at the public hearing in September, including the people who stated their name and addresses.

He presented a memo and letter with attachments.

CS energy received a draft list and is not prepared to answer all questions at this time, they will have to research to get some of the answers, they would like to provide an official response in writing.

Jim Hoag would like to know the noise decibel levels at the property line, he also would like to know the property line to the horse farm and the timeline for decommissioning. CS Energy will provide the Fire Department with training before operation and during operation, they discussed the planting of trees, will provide the mixed species of trees in more detail and when they will start to plant the trees for the project and timeframe for growth. Jim Hoag requested to know the height you would see before and after the trees for the Cipperly and Stratton property. Mitch will get the information to the Zoning Board regarding the kw they will be producing per month he thinks approximately 30 million kw per year, he will get information for the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board also discussed the Pilot Plan with CS Energy. There are road issues that need to be discussed when the project is under construction. They need to propose a road plan for construction trucks and a traffic plan.

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CS Energy stated that they haven't seen any large solar arrays shut down yet, he stated the first large one in NY was last year. The older solar industrial sites had no zoning rules and now they are empty.

The new Zoning Laws on Solar are in place and the owners have to comply with the Zoning Boards conditions that are in the resolution. The Zoning Board discussed the comments from the public and at this time there will be no verbal comments. Additional comments will be in writing and be submitted and they will be addressed.

A motion was made by Mike Bailey to close the Public Hearing and establish an additional 14 days for written comments and the applicant will respond, seconded by Fred Pirie, all in favor, motion granted. Attorney Gilchrist will send the Notice to the Town for the site board and Town of Hoosick website and advertise in the Eastwick Press. The Public has until October 16th, 2023 to send their written comments in.

Wilson Hill Road Solar Array:

Nexamp provided a full application with a SEQRA to the Zoning Board. Nexamp stated that the proposed Escrow is in review at this time. Mike Bailey asked if he should be the committee liaison and converse with the applicant and Kevin Schwenzfeier from Laberge Engineering on this project. The Zoning Board agreed to Mike being the committee liaison. Mike Bailey made a motion for the Zoning Board to be Lead Agency of the coordinating review of the project, seconded by Fred Pirie. Kevin from Laberge Engineering will see if they need another Lead Agency for the Solar Array.

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Mike Bailey made a motion to adjourn the October meeting and move into executive session to meet with counsel, seconded by Eric Ziehm, all in favor, motion granted.

Karen Jennings  
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board 11/6/2023