

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Gary Sussman, Fred Pirie,
Eric Ziehm, Mike Bailey, 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 Gary Sussman to approve the October minutes, seconded by Mike Bailey, all in favor, motion granted.

Hawthorne Solar Array:

Sage Ezell from CS Energy read and responded to the Public Concerns that were sent to CS Energy regarding the Hawthorne Solar Array Project for the Town of Hoosick.

There were several questions and responses concerning this project. The questions and responses are attached to the November minutes. SEE ATTACHED PAGES: Page 1-26

Jim Hoag stated that he would like confirmation from an Engineer that there is no toxicity coming from the panels that pollute the air , the Zoning Board would also like the species of the vegetation and the growth of the vegetation and how much it will hide the project and the total footage in length of the vegetation. Mitch Quine will research species and their growth and bring them to the December meeting. Kevin Schwenzfeier of Laberge Engineering will talk to a Forester regarding some of the landscaping issues.

The Zoning Board will go over Part II of the EAF and do a complete review of all impacts of the project to determine SEQRA for the Solar Project at the December 4 Zoning Board Meeting.

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Wilson Hill Solar Array:

Keven Schwenzfeier from Laberge Engineering has reviewed the Willson Hill Solar Array and presented his memo review to the Zoning Board. He stated that the Site Plan was complete but the screening discussion needs to be filled in. Mr. Riley from Nexamp stated that they will be maintaining most foliage except 100 ft. wide cut through and there is one particular view where you will see the panels, he showed the map and area and stated they could put additional trees if necessary. He stated that he doesn't want the trees to grow too tall to obscure the solar panels. He discussed the wetlands and the setbacks of the project and the construction road will be temporary and be fixed as soon as construction is completed. He stated that the project is 25 acres and the total acreage of property is 99.52. He will have a Decommissioning Plan to provide to the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board discussed a site visit with 2 Zoning Board members at a time. The Zoning Board site visit of the Solar Array project will be on 11/15/2023 starting at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Eric Ziehm to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting, seconded by Mike Bailey, all in favor, motion adjourned.

Karen Jennings
Secretary