

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoag with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The resolution for the Monolith Solar was read by Mike Bailey to the Zoning Board. A motion was made by Mike Bailey to approve the resolution, seconded by Fred Pirie. The vote for the resolution was approved by all.

Jim Hoag-Yes

Gary Sussman, Yes

Fred Pirie, Yes

Eric Ziehm, Yes

Michael Bailey Yes

The Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is appended to the minutes, and has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Hawthorne Solar Array:

CS Energy submitted the application and Site Plan for the Solar Array project on the lands along Pine Valley Road and Fords Road. It will be three parcels owned by two landowners.

Sage Ezell stated that she has talked to neighbors and Mr. Stratton stated that he would like to see trees planted along Pine Valley Road, she also left a letter for Mr. Lockrow about his concern about endangered species on the property.

CS Energy representative said there is more detailed review on solar projects than years ago and laws have now been put in place and there are many more regulations on solar projects.

The Zoning Board discussed with CS Energy the layout and setbacks

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for the project.

CS Energy discussed the options for maintenance including using an offset mower for cutting below the solar panels and/or engaging in grazing with shepherds and there will be sheep grazing on some portions of the land.

The Zoning Board inquired from CS Energy why they don't use above ground wiring and they stated that it was a cost issue, operating above ground could also be an operating issue and trip hazards.

There will be a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement and it is drafted. Mr. Gilchrist will look over the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement and Pilot Agreement. CS Energy needs to change the date to 2023 for the Lease Agreement. They will have a landscaping specialist evaluate the type of trees and what kind of species will be planted.

A motion was made by Mike Bailey to Declare the Zoning Board Lead Agency, seconded by Eric Ziehm, all in favor, motion granted

A motion was made by Mike Bailey to set the date and time of the public hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7 P.M., seconded by Eric Ziehm, all in favor, motion granted.

VA motion was made by Mike Bailey to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting, seconded by Gary Sussman, all in favor, motion granted.

Karen Jennings  
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board 9/05/2023