

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2024

Present: Chairman Llyod Moses, Gary Sussman, Eric Ziehm, Greg Morin
Attorney Diana DeSanto

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Llyod Moses with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Gary Sussman to approve the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Greg Morin all in favor, motion granted.

The meeting started with a public hearing for Wilson Hill Solar Array. The public stated concerns regarding not getting notice of the meeting of the Public Hearing. The Zoning Board requested the mailing return receipts from Mr. Riley. He stated that he put the public notice on the Town site but did not mail out the notices to the neighbors within the 500 ft. of the Solar Array site. A motion was made by Lloyd Moses to table the public hearing now for August 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., seconded by Gary Sussman, all in favor, motion granted. Lloyd Moses stated that they will take written statements from the public before the August 13, 2024 public hearing and they will forward to Mr. Riley. Mr. Riley will send out certified return receipt notices to the neighbors within 500 ft. and put a notice in the Eastwick Press 5 days before the public hearing.

All public concerns will be put into minutes from tonight's meeting after they hold the Public Hearing on August 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Wilson Solar Array-Wilson Hill Road

Mr. Riley representative for the Wilson Solar Array stated that he would like to make sure all issues are addressed. Mr. Moses stated that all written emails from the public will be sent to the Town and they will then be submitted to the applicant so that he can prepare for the August 13, 2024 public hearing.

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The Zoning Board was concerned about the Fire Department getting up the hill in case of a fire. Mr. Riley stated he did talk to the Fire Department and there will be a new road from Wilson Hill South of the Mattison driveway. Gary Sussman asked if there should be pre and post construction classes for safety for EMT, Fire Department and concern about school bus safety for the community.

The Zoning Board would like a letter from National Grid due to the fact that they believe the sub-station is at its maximum. Mr. Riley stated that they submitted their project before the maximum of the substation.

Lloyd will reach out to Wilson Hill concerning public concerns and other concerns about the access road and Emergency services entering the site.

**Hoosick East and West Solar Array-
Johnson Hill Road and 21960 State Rt. 22**

Mr. Frateschi appeared before the Zoning Board with updated materials. He submitted new materials to the Zoning Board with an Ag & Market approval. He stated while the East and West Solar Array overlap they produced two support letters.

He stated that this is a Type I action under SEQRA since the projects are under 10 acres. The EAF was submitted and will be reviewed.

The Zoning Board asked if this will still be operating as a farm and Mr. Frateschi stated it will be within the percentage to keep in farm operation. There will be sheep grazing for the project. He also talked to the Fire Chief and he had no concerns with accessing the property in case of fire. It was proposed to use Knox Boxes. The applicant will confirm that Dept. of Health approval is not required for the relocated water line. The Zoning Board inquired about for the East project and drainage and the DOT inspection, DOT will make a larger flow for drainage, there are no retention

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ponds. They will have a note on the two projects for landscape plan and a note that there is no lighting for the projects.

The Zoning Board inquired about a management plan for grading and discussed the Easements.

A decommissioning plan review and comments will be discussed at a future meeting for both projects.

There was a recommendation that the Zoning Board visit the Site.

Laberge has submitted EAF to Attorney DeSanto tonight and the Zoning Board has not reviewed SEQRA. This is a Type I Action and a motion was made by Eric Ziehm to Declare the Zoning Board as Lead Agency for the Hoosick East and West Solar Array, seconded by Greg Morin, all in favor, motion granted.

Gary Sussman suggested scheduling a site visit with 1 or 2 at a time and it could be on the same day but not at the same time or it would be a quorum and that would be a public meeting.

Lloy Moses stated they will go into executive session to discuss dates for the Site Visit.

A motion was made by Gary Sussman to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting, seconded by Greg Morin, all in favor, motion granted.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved by Zoning Board 8/13/2024

Karen Jennings
Secretary

