

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024

Present: Chairman Llyod Moses, Gary Sussman, Greg Morin,
Kevin Robichaud, Attorney Diana DeSanto

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Lloyd Moses with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

WILSON HILL SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT:

The Representative from Wilson Hill Solar Project stated that this has been before the Zoning Board since 2023. This is a 5mg watt project on Wilson Hill Road. He stated there has been slight changes to the EAF since last month he also stated there is a design provision and there will be a bond for the Road Agreement. He stated that there is an existing dirt road and there are no modifications to the existing road. Mr. Sussman discussed the secondary road on Wilson Hill to the Solar Arrays.

The Zoning Board is concerned with the location of the Solar Array to the wetlands and there is a year round spring and brook and the Array is close to the wetlands. The Zoning Board is also concerned about the Geological impact if they have to use dynamite. They would like more information and get a geological Impact for the project.

The Zoning Board discussed in complete detail Part II of the SEQRA. The Zoning Board would like to see a new design for DEC Stormwater Guidelines and look at Geological reports. The screening plan was discussed and discussed a performance bond if the town is concerned with dying trees and maintenance of screening. There was a discussion on impact on land, Impact on surface water and plants and animals. There was also a discussion about the viewshed on top of hill with the residents looking downward. The Zoning Board wants adequate information for the viewshed and wants pictures of the viewshed from the top looking

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downward. The Zoning Board stated this would be a moderate to large impact for the visual impact. There was a lengthy discussion on this viewshed issue.

Lloyd Moses called for a 10 minute recess.

Lloyd Moses called the meeting back in session at 8:12 P.M.

Lloyd asked the Zoning Board if there were any more questions for the applicant at this time.

A motion was made by Greg Morin to adopt a resolution for a Negative Declaration for the Wilson Hill Solar Array, seconded by Gary Sussman
Vote for NEG DEC:

Chairman Lloyd Moses -Yes

Board Member- Greg Morin-Yes

Board Member Gary Sussaman-Yes

Board Member Kevin Robichaud-No

Negative Declaration approved for the Wilson Hill Solar Array Project by a vote of 3 to 1.

HOOSICK WEST AND EAST SOLAR ARRAY PROJECTS:

Mike Frateschi gave an update on the Hoosick West and East Solar Array Projects.

He stated that in the update on the Hoosick West project on Rt. 22 there will be rows of trees for the Western views with the existing landscape. He showed the landscape plan and the height of the trees at 25 years.

He stated that the update on the Hoosick East on Johnson Hill Road. There will be landscaping with rows of plantings for the southwest view. There were concerns with views and Mr. Frestchi stated that they can enhance the screening if needed.

Laberge stated that the Hoosick West and East Solar Array projects are two different 5mg watt projects but the SERA will be reviewed together

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The Zoning Board discussed in detail Part II of the SEQRA for the Hoosick West and East Solar Array. The Zoning Board feels that there will be a moderate to large impact on Aesthetic Resources and a moderate to large impact on the character of the community.

A motion was made by Greg Morin to adopt a resolution for a Negative Declaration for the Hoosick West and East Solar Array Projects, seconded by Gary Sussman.

Vote for the Hoosick West and East Solar Array Projects

Chairman Lloyd Moses -Yes

Board Member Greg Morin-Yes

Board Member Gary Sussman-Yes

Board Member Kevin Robichaud-No

Negative Declaration for the Hoosick West and East Solar Array Projects approved by a vote of 3 to 1.

Coyote Flaco Solar Array Project:

Mr. Elliot appeared before the Zoning Board for a review of the Rt. 22 and Lebaron Road solar array projects. He stated these are two different projects. He discussed the access road from Bovie Hill Road for the construction and the fire access and the wetlands. He had appeared before the Zoning Board previously with applications for the projects. He presented the projects to the Zoning Board and stated this would be clean energy and customers could have renewable energy. He stated that he submitted an application and EAF. He stated the stormwater plan has been accepted by Ag & Markets. The Zoning Board would like new views to be generated for the solar projects.

Mr. Elliot stated he submitted his information to the Zoning Board and it should be complete. Lloyd Moses stated that the Zoning Board needs more

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information to complete the process and that the applications were not complete and the Zoning Board will review the information for the projects.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

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