

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024

Present: Chairman Lloyd Moses, Greg Morin, Gary Sussman
Attorney Diana DeSanto

Absent: Eric Ziehm

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Chairman Lloyd Moses with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wilson Hill Solar Array-Public Hearing

The Attorney for the Wilson Hill project stated that they will not be having a public hearing due to one of the certified mailings for the notice of the public hearing being sent to the wrong address. They will appear next month for the public hearing.

He stated that a letter of August 2nd from Laberge crossed in process and he will review the revised documents and respond to prior comments from July and he will respond to the August 2nd letter.

Wilson Hill has had conversations with the Fire Department, submitted information to Ag & Markets and certification and approval is underway.

The application was reviewed by Rensselaer County, Wilson Hill has submitted SEQRA Part II and it was reviewed. Stormwater and visual impacts will be in the review process and a Decommissioning Plan. Ag soils were discussed and the electrical connector with National Grid on Wilson Hill Road. They will appear next month for the public hearing and will review all issues concerning the Wilson Hill Solar Array project.

Hoosick East and West Solar Array:

Hoosick East Solar Array: Johnson Hill Road

Mr. Frateschi stated that they are working with the Assessor on the subdivision for this property. The Zoning Board discussed the visual impact of this project from Albany and Saratoga Streets where there are multiple homes. Mr. Frateschi stated that the solar array is at least 200 ft away from the edge of these lots with trees and shrubs blocking the view. The Zoning

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Board inquired about the height of the trees and how long to arrive at 20 Ft. height. Mr. Frateschi stated it would be about 10 years and the Zoning Board inquired about more mature trees for the project. Laberge will review this and the ZBA should decide if they want a visual analysis to be conducted. He stated that a review and comments on the decommissioning will be forthcoming. Gary Sussman has concerns on climate change and stormwater. The Zoning Board had a concern about wetlands and discussed sheep grazing and requested an email from the Fire Chief about containing fire at the Solar Array Site.

Hoosick West Solar Array: 21960 Rt. ww

Mr. Frateschi discussed with the Zoning Board the review of the conservation easement and water quality treatment and discussed the wetlands and new water line. The Zoning Board inquired about the slope analysis of the project. They discussed the landscaping of this project and also would like an email from the Fire Chief that the Fire Department would not enter the facility during a fire, but monitor and contain the fire.

The Zoning Board was Declared Lead Agency for the Solar Array Hoosick East and West.

A motion was made by Lloyd Moses to hold a public hearing on September 10, 2024 for Hoosick West at 7:30 P.M. and Hoosick East at 7:45 P.M., seconded by Greg Morin, all in favor, motion granted.

Mr. Frateschi will send out certified mailings to the neighbors within 500 ft and put a notice in the Eastwick Press 5 days prior to public hearing.

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Attorney DeSanto and Chairman Moses discussed the open meeting law. A motion was made by Lloyd Moses to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting, seconded by Gary Sussman, all in favor, motion granted.

The Zoning Board went into Executive Session to discuss matters.

Karen Jennings
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board on 9/10/2024