

TOWN of DICKINSON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Van Houten

Members Present: H. Van Houten, J. Ford, D. Morello, J. Mickelson

Absent: B. Sands

Also attending: Councilman T. Burns, K. Doyle, T. Gourley, G. Pappas

Old Business:

Approval of minutes of February 26, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve by D. Morello. Second by J. ford. All members voted in favor. Minutes were approved.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

Chairman Van Houten advised that he has not received any reply or new information from the County Planning Dept. on our request for assistance on the Plan update. Debbie stated she has interacted with Beth Lucas before and offered to make a follow up call. It was agreed to have Debbie make the follow up call.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Farm Resubmission for 494, 512 & 518 Glenwood Road

Chairman Van Houten referenced a video call held on April 24th between Tim and representatives of Griffiths Engineering to resolve and clarify Griffiths comments on the SWPPP. Also attending were Hans Van Houten and Jerry Ford and P. Woodward of Keystone Assoc. Tim advised that he is in agreement with changes discussed and is working on a response to these and issues raised during the 239 review. Tim will also include the additional item requested by Ron Lake to the Decommissioning Plan.

Kyle advised he will present the Preliminary Fire Safety Plan to the Fire Dept. for review and will forward any comments or requested changes to Tim and the Planning Board.

Because the resubmitted project is substantially changed from the original submission, the review process has resumed with all the required steps as an initial project submission. Member Ford felt this should include redesignation of the Planning Board as the lead agency for the revised project review and proposed a motion for this designation. Motion was seconded by member Morello. Vote was all in favor and passed.

SEQRA REVIEW:

Chairman Van Houten led the Board through the process of completing Part 2 of the SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form. It was noted that this is a Type 1 project because of the size of the project area. The Boards review involved a line by line review of potential environmental impact items with a decision on rating of “no”, “small” or “moderate to large” impact. Items 1b and 1f, 4g, 7i, 17a and 18f were identified as possible moderate to large environmental concerns. Tim will address these items. It was decided to table completion of Part 3 of the SEQRA process pending satisfactory resolution of these concerns. Motion to table completion of Part 3 made by member Ford -second by member Mickelson. Vote was all in favor and passed.

Member Ford requested that once Tim has responded to Griffiths SWPPP review comments, and when response is acceptable to Griffiths, that Griffiths provide a written recommendation to the Planning Board on acceptance of the SWPPP hydraulic analysis regarding mitigation of any stormwater runoff impacts of the project.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is May 20, 2024. This meeting will include a public hearing regarding a Special Use Permit for the Glenwood Solar project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by J. Ford- second by J. Mickelson
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.