**Planning Board Minutes**

DATE: April 6, 2016

Convened: 7:05pm

Members Present: Dave Killian, Russell Smith, and Pam Marquis

ANR’s: None

OLD BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS:

* True Green Capital Order of Conditions and Quote from Brown & Rowe-No one came in on behalf of TGC.
* Bob Sullivan-here to discuss the view of solar farm on Route 20 from East Hill Road abutters. A conservation commissioner came up to view from Dunn’s property. There is now more equipment above the height proposed from the original company. This is Soltas equipment, not True Green Capital. It is outside what was currently there. Soltas did not come back to Planning or to Assessors with regards to the equipment being permanent or not. See if the building department has a copy of the plan and he may need to go back out. Conservation persons that went up to the property stated they did not know the severity of the impact. Some of it was DEP regulated, and some conservation stated we, the planning board, could not do. This new proposal from Brown, Richardson and Rowe, tries to mitigate all of that and incorporate the DEP requirements and provide better screening. Bob is asking why they can’t remove some of the collectors and place them up in the northern area, where there is plenty of room, that way they have room for more trees for screening. According to Josh, per Bob, they are producing more electricity than they need, they have too many collectors, so if there is not enough room to plant, Bob is saying just remove some collectors to make room for planting. Take one row out along the perimeter, to give more room for plantings. Pam stated that there will be a camouflaged fence and trees.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:30: Continued from March meeting

Open Public Hearing at 7:30pm

Caron Family Farmlands: 160 Palmer Road, Brimfield, MA Solar Array. Planning Board presented proposal from our engineer, Graves Engineering. Brian’s opinion is that storm water is triggered if there is a point of discharged. Because he is downsizing the project, it won’t trigger the storm water. He went to Conservation last week, and they said if he files and they come out and verifies his flags, he will be way outside the buffer. We are going to figure out what conservation is going to take care of, that way the cost of our engineer will be less, add site line from neighboring houses. The Planning Board Clerk will touch base with Conservation, so we don’t have redundancy and then go back to Graves for a new proposal. Continued the hearing until May 4, 2016 at 8:30pm.

PUBLIC HEARING 8:00 Joint with Tree Warden: Opening the hearing at 8pm

* Tree Warden, Zack L., stated that this is a Chapter 90 project which is going to pay to redo Harnois Road, much like Allen Hill Road from last year. Removing 9 shade trees prior to paving. There will be drainage put in, the catch basins need to be put in, if removal of shade trees does not happen the roots will be hit and damaged the tree which will eventually kill the trees and also for safety. Approximately 29 other dead trees will be removed. There were no other comments or concerns. No other boards present. Russell made a motion for the shade tree removal, Pam seconds. All were in favor and none opposed. Public hearing is closed 8:03pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Graves engineering proposal for Caron Solar Array- send an email to conservation give them the proposal #6, A, B, and C on second page, check to see if it will fall on them or us. Also see if they will have their own engineer to do the storm water management, and sediment and erosion control. If so, will they share with us for Graves to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Review Articles for Warrant-Articles for Warrant. Public Hearing will be scheduled for 8pm on May 4th.

OTHER:

* Review minutes-February 8th minutes: Pam made a motion to accept the minutes of February 8th as submitted. Russell seconds, all in favor and none opposed. February 3rd minutes: Pam made a motion to accept the minutes of February 3, 2016 as amended, Russell seconds, all in favor and none opposed. March 2nd minutes: Pam made a motion to accept the minutes of March 2, 2016 as amended, Russell seconds, all in favor and none opposed.
* Signed payroll-Clerks payroll for February and March and Boards payroll for 3rd Quarter.
* Reviewed Mail

Pam made a motion to close at 8:25pm, Russell seconds, all in favor and none opposed.

Adjourned at 8:25pm.