

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PLANNING BOARD
September 10, 2015
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman; Edward Bannister; Lou Ann Griswold; David Cedarholm, Alternate & John LaCourse, Selectmen Rep.

OTHERS PRESENT:; Mike Lynch, Town of Durham, DPW Director; James Haselbeck, Revision Energy; Peter Hoyt, Rep to Lee Fire; Eileen Wong & Caren Rossi, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman opened up the meeting at 7:04PM.

Review and Approval of Draft 08/27/15 Meeting Minutes

The approval of the minutes is tabled to the next meeting.

Report of officers and committees

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Mike Lynch, Director of Public Works for the Town of Durham will be presenting plans for the installation of a Solar Array panel system to be located on land owned by the Town of Durham, located on Packers Falls Rd. The property is known as Lee Tax Map # 15-01-0900. This is a possible final hearing.

Mike Lynch explained that the Town of Durham is very aggressive in their infrastructure. They just installed today, their second car charging station. This project started about 4 ½ years ago. They will be installing it in the gravel pit on Packers Falls Rd. The pit is just about mined out. They use it mainly for winter sand. They go thru about 3,500 cu yards of material a winter. There is a substantial buffer around the pit. He provided plans of the pit and explained the plans to the Board. (In file) The array has no moving parts, nothing will

leak, spill or cause problems. It is in 3 pieces. They will be maintaining the required 400' sanitary well radius. They did receive a waiver from DES for the installation of the array. It will be the 3rd largest array in NH. The unit will be fenced and gated as shown on the plans. (In file) They recently brought the 3phase power that was needed to the pit when they installed the new water lines. IT will power all of the towns facility's except the waste water treatment plant.

Ed Bannister asked if the reclamation has been done to the completed areas.

Mike Lynch replied it has and it looks great.

Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman asked how long the project will take to complete.

Jason Haselbeck replied in 4 weeks it should be substantially complete.

John LaCourse asked if they will be designed to add additional unit on.

Mike Lynch explained no, as they still have about 20 more years of winter sand in the pit so they don't have the room. As well as the current array will produce 10% more power than they can use.

John LaCourse asked if they will be any reflective problems with the neighbors.

Jim Haselbeck replied that this is typically not an issue as they are designed to absorb the rays.

Lou Ann Griswold asked how tall off the ground the units are.

Jim Haselbeck replied 10'7" to the bottom of the panels.

Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman asked if they will be visible from the road.

Mike Lynch commented that he felt in the winter time, yes part of it would be visible. He continued to explain that as part of the Durham's PDs patrol they will check on the array 2 times per day.

Public comment

Peter Hoyt asked about the tree burning, where is this now going to happen?

Mike Lynch replied that will no longer be burning, they will be chipping.

Eileen Wong stated that it looks close to her property line.

Mike Lynch stated it is about 10' to the fence.

Eileen Wong asked if there is any health hazards to the array.

Jim Haselbeck replied no, no health concerns at all. He has young children and has a large array.

Eileen Wong spoke with concerns of her visibility to the large array, she has no protection from looking at it.

Mike Lynch stated that the gravel pit was here first, then her house. He would have put the house in a different spot.

Eileen Wong expressed she was not happy with it being so close and so visible from her home.

Floor closed.

Caren Rossi read RSA 674:54 to the Board.

Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman asked if David Cedarholm had any issues with stormwater drainainge?

David Cedarholm explained that unlike the one prior, this is a gravel pit and doesn't see any issues.

Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman asked if Police and or Fire had given any input?

Caren Rossi replied no.

John LaCourse stated that he supports the array but strongly suggests they install a buffer for Ms. Wong and they meet with both the police chief and fire chief to see if they have any issues.

The other Board members agreed

Mike Lynch thanked the Board for their time.

David Cedarholm made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM.
Lou Ann Griswold second.
Vote: all, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Caren Rossi, Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY:

Robert Moynihan, Acting Chairman

Lou Ann Griswold

Ed Bannister

John LaCourse, Selectmen's Rep.

David Cedarholm, Alternate