

SEEKONK PLANNING BOARD
Special Meeting
February 24, 2016

Present: Ch. Abelson, M. Bourque, R. Bennett, L. Dunn, J. Roach,
Absent with cause: S. Foulkes, D. Sullivan

Ch. Abelson opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and introduced the Planning Board Members

Site Plan Approval for 50 Woodland Avenue – TJR Solar

Paul Carlson from InSite Engineering was present on behalf of TJR Solar. He advised the Massachusetts Department of Energy and National Grid has capped off the amount of solar arrays that are going to be allowed in the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Carlson summarized the project and provided revised plans to the PB. Mr. Carlson advised the road will be used and maintained by the developer, there is a 30 ft. access easement road, and the above ground poles will provide access for power to the back unit and out to the meter.

J. Aubin advised the PB that he reviewed the plans with the Fire Chief and the proposed access has been approved. Mr. Aubin asked Mr. Carlson about the former pipeline and if there was any equipment there now.

P. Carlson advised that it has been abandoned and the pipeline has been removed.

J. Aubin asked if the easement was going to be rescinded.

P. Carlson advised yes.

J. Aubin advised the Assessor has requested that the applicant contact the Assessor and schedule a meeting with the Board of Assessors to discuss the valuation and/or PILOT. The PB cannot require a PILOT be put in place.

Mr. Aubin also asked if Mr. Carlson if had information regarding the approach lines for TF Green Airport.

P. Carlson said there isn't anything specific in this area that is adjacent to a number of airports in and around the country.

J. Aubin said he can send a letter to the RI Airport Corporation to make them aware of the project and ask them if they have any concerns.

Other topics discussed: 1) the possible merging of lots 23 and 24 in the future; 2) landscaping details; 3) surety requirement for the removal of panels in the future.

**A motion was made by M. Bourque to approve the site plan with the following conditions:
1) Applicant to contact the Tax Assessor to meet with the BOA to discuss PILOT and valuation; 2) Landscaping and planting details, R. Bennett seconded and it was unanimously approved.**

VOTE: 5-0

Adjournment

A motion was made by R. Bennett to adjourn the meeting, M. Bourque seconded and it was unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kristen L'Heureux