

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Eric Buskirk called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Attendance: Planning Board Members – Eric Buskirk, Gregg Zeman, Tim Goyette, Alternate Member Jesus Santiago, Board of Trustees Liaison George Solotruck, Village Attorney Lydia Marola, Building/Plumbing Inspector Luis Aguero

Voting members: Eric Buskirk, Gregg Zeman, Tim Goyette, Jesus Santiago

Excused:, Bryan Reed, Carl Yanoch

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held July 1, 2019

Tabled

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held November 4, 2019

Motion: by Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Greg Zeman;

That the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Planning Board meeting are hereby approved.

All in favor.

Abstained: Jesus Santiago

Washington Avenue (Iroquois Street) – Active Solar Development and Raymond Piotrowski

Representatives Ryan Farnum of Creighton Manning and Frank McCleneghen of Active Solar were in attendance to present the application to install a Community Solar Array at the parcel ID 39.39-1-1. The parcel is zoned as Industrial and therefore would not require a zoning variance. The proposal includes 6-foot chain link fence surround. The Planning Board, as well as Schenectady County suggest a 7-foot fence without barbed wire. The applicant agrees and prefers this alteration. There will be an access gate with a knock box for emergency access. The service road will be gravel and not paved. Residents in attendance voiced concerns about increasing the flood risk. The proposal shall not affect the level of flooding. Panels are also water/weather resistant and if damaged, would be replaced at the owners' expense. There shall be no change to drainage pattern. Applicant has followed DEC guidelines for stormwater management. No lighting is proposed. Panels are positioned at a South facing angle and are anti-glare. The applicant shall provide a decommissioning plan with letter of credit as well as a Full Environmental SEQRA. Residents have also requested a vegetative screening on the North side of the fence. The applicant will investigate installation of vegetative screening. The applicant will be seeking a PILOT agreement with the Village Board of Trustees. Attorney Lydia Marola stated that there is an easement on the property and this should be identified in the site plan. In the event that there is damage to the Village roadways during construction, the applicant may also be responsible for correcting. A Public Hearing shall be held during the next regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting prior to any further approval.

Training Status Report:

Current Training Hours:	Eric Buskirk: -5.5
	Bryan Reed: -8
	Carl Yanoch: -4
	Gregg Zeman: -1
	Tim Goyette: 0
	Alternate Jesus Santiago: 0

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

Verizon micro cell tower installation is complete.

Adjournment:

Motion: By Gregg Zeman; seconded by Tim Goyette;

To adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm.

All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Newe Haile
Village of Scotia Planning Board Clerk