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Cranberry Land USA

Carver Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2018, Room 1, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Jim Nauen, Chair; Tim Dempsey; Alan Germain; Savery Moore; Jean Paul Flaherty

Absent:

Also Present: Brooke Monroe, Environmental Scientist

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Nauen at 7:00 PM

Appointments/Discussions:

Business:

- Site visit at Paduch Bog & 16 West Street, August 29 at 6:00 PM
 - Ms. Monroe - Jack Hunter has requested a site visit to look at the vines underneath the panels. Can everyone go? Mr. Moore will be in Maine; Mr. Flaherty can attend; Mr. Germain can attend; Mr. Dempsey will check on it.
 - Ms. Monroe - 14 Andrews Point Road – He has asked me to write a letter as he needs to go before the Zoning Board. We liked what he did so I think we should do that for him.

COC Requests:

None

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed by members.

August 1, 2018 -

Discussion:

Motion to approve minutes of August 1, 2018, as written: Mr. Germain

Second: Mr. Moore

Approved: Unanimous (5-0)

New Hearings:

13-A Gate Street:

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40) and the Carver Wetlands Protection Bylaw, that a public hearing will be held at 7:15 PM on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, in meeting room 1 at the Carver Town Hall to hear the Notice of Intent; submitted by Renewable Energy Development Partners, LLC; for the proposed construction of a dual use solar facility. The solar array will generate power for the production of commercial/agricultural land; within land that is currently unused for agriculture; underlying the solar array. The proposed solar array is within the 100-foot buffer to wetland resource area bordering vegetated wetland, with the construction of a berm within the 65-foot buffer. The project will require a variance from the Carver Wetlands Protection Bylaw for the work within the 65-foot buffer. The project is located at 13-A Gate Street, Carver MA, Map 37, Parcel 1-L-R. All interested parties are invited to attend.

7:15 PM –

Renewable Energy Development Partners, LLC – Hank Ouimet , Stephen Wiehe

Peter Beaton is the land owner. This is a really exciting project with dual use solar. We have worked with Peter for a few years now. The site is approximately 180 acres with 30 acres of active cranberry bogs. There is about 13 acres of low use land. We discussed a solar array originally, we then started looking into dual use to allow Peter to continue using his land agriculturally. The states new incentive program has not yet been released. We have met with Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Agriculture. Our project is a ground mount project that is higher off the ground and further spaced apart to allow for more sunlight and equipment access. This one is closer to 2.7 megawatts to allow the spreading of arrays. The site that we propose is an upland site with wetland bordering with bogs abutting as well. The Board reviewed the plans presented. Sheet C1 – This is an aerial photo and shows existing conditions. The site in question is right in the middle and is mostly cleared. Under the concept of dual use, we will do the required earth work and bring in organic materials; the array would be constructed above the farm land. The intention would be to grow crops under the array, this provides Peter a way to diversify. There are some wetland areas of concern in addition to Peters bog. Within the 100-foot buffer we are suggesting selective clearing and buffers. The work that we anticipate there is the improvement of exiting bog roads and the construction of a berm in anticipation of a Planning Board requirement for visual screening. We have proposed that we construct that berm within the 65-foot buffer. We have to proceed in parallel with other areas; we are currently working with utility. The utility company will determine where the connection will be. Steve has brought an alternate plan tonight; we don't know which one until the utility company will tell us where to interconnect to.

Mr. Wiehe – I do have the green cards from the mailing. From our site walk today, I wrote a letter. We do absolutely have work within the 65-foot buffer. The four things not previously listed are as follows:

- Construction of earthen berm
- Bog access roadway improvements

- Storm water retention system
- Underground electric duct bank

We filed a NOI; notice to abutters went out twice. This is a good project. This array is different as it is more spread out than a typical array. The 8' perimeter fence is primarily for security. WPA Form 3 has been filed. We have already had a pre-filing meeting with the chief.

Mr. Dempsey – What you've added is what we discussed this morning. You will need to attach to NOI. Make sure to note that there is an addendum. Lakeville needs to know there is an addendum. I would install "At this point refer to addendum 1". Mr. Ouimet – We will work with Brook to make sure we get it right. Mr. Dempsey – You won't be cutting any trees in the abutting area? Mr. Ouimet – The clearing is on the north side; there is not property proximate to that.

If you take out sand, then what will you bring in? Peter will bring in tested organic material to proposed site. Mr. Germain – Anything imported? Mr. Ouimet – We will not need to import anything as Peter has so much material on site.

Any abutters to this project with any questions?

Kenneth Berlo, 3 Gate Street – Questioned tie in – Mr. Ouimet explained location of transformers and interconnect process. Three new required utility poles will be installed.

*Motion to continue hearing for 13A gate Street, to September 19, 2018: Mr. Germain
Second: Mr. Moore
Approved: 4-1*

Request was made to have Brooke email the applicant with anything that needs to be done.

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM: Mr. Germain
Second: Mr. Moore
Approved: Unanimous (5-0)*

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