

Worcester Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2018

Members Present: Stewart Clark, Toni Kaeding, Myles Chater, Bill Arrand, Jaiel Pulscamp.

Others: Sooz Arrand, notetaker; Ted Lamb & Paul Hill from Select Board; Kyle Devitt & Will King, Solar proposal

The meeting started at 6:30 at the Town Office

Solar Proposal Kyle Devitt is proposing to lease part of his land to an alternative energy company. Mr. King fielded questions and explained to the group what was involved in setting up a large solar array. He needs a letter of support from the Select Board and from the Planning Commission. Ted and Stewart will work on these letters making sure specific commitments were made about siting etc. The next Select Board meeting should have information about the letter warned.

Addition Voted on at June 13 Meeting

FACTS PRESENTED 6/5/18

REGARDING A PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT FOR WORCESTER

Kyle Devitt, landowner

Will King, developer

- *proposed 500 KW (0.5 MW) solar array covering 2.5 to 3 acres on land owned by Devitt*
- *site well removed from Route 12 so little or no aesthetic objection anticipated*
- *potential for net metering low cost electric for Town facilities on Green Mtn Power*
- *project falls under jurisdiction of Act 248, not Act 250, for environmental approval*
- *King needs letter from Selectboard and Planning Commission stating to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (formerly the Public Service Board): “We designate this site as a preferred solar site” in order to proceed with the project application*
- *Stew and Ted Lamb will draft a letter with the key words “We designate this site as a preferred solar site” for consideration by the Selectboard and Worcester Planning Commission.*
- *selectboard will consider this letter at their next meeting on 6/18.*
- *Designating the site as preferred for solar development does not confer approval of the project itself.*
- *King promised Worcester, through the selectboard and planning commission, will be informed and invited, in a timely manner, to join the project evaluation and approval process at every step.*

Town Plan We worked on how to refer to the Hazardous Flood Plan in our Part IX. We stopped at Part IX, section 4 Forest Blocks.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 13 at the Town Office. We will work on the rest of Part IX and may begin Part X.