

TOWN OF FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2023

Attendance: Howland, Schlafer, Storey. TPAS Advisor Kent Manuel, Town Board Rep. Jeff Taggart
Absent/Excused: Komenda, Thompson.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting were approved as read (Howland, Schlafer, msp).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Initial Presentation: Mongaup Solar represented by Walter Gurgliano

Project: Lot #76.-1-7.2 owned by Mike Miller on Bissell Road. Total acres: 57.9. The 3.6 MW AC solar array will be on 15.13 acres of this parcel. It contains an access road and inverter. The lines will feed a NYSEG pole. The solar array has a projected life span of 25-30 years. The actual array site will be fenced in with 8 ft. metal collapsible animal exclusion fencing. Sight buffers from the road and adjoining landowners are proposed. The wetland areas will be protected. Questions included "how will project affect soils" and "impacts to adjoining landowners". Info needs to be sent to County Planning for 239 review. Town Attorney needs to review decommission/bond. SEQR and Public Hearing will be required after signed application is received. Put on agenda for October for Planning Board review. Public Hearing will be scheduled in the future.

Paperwork submitted via email to members and presented in person included maps, operations & maintenance plan, project summary and the conceptual plan including a proposed decommission plan. An original signed application was not provided at this time. The official representative/contact person will be Mollie Messenger who will be present at the next meeting. It was stated that the Code Enforcement Officer signed off on the application but it was not provided at this time. Mr. Gurgliano stated that there had been some minor changes to the paperwork originally provided to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Other Discussion: Residents of Oak Hill Road asked questions about the proposed Fernandez/Aurora Glampground. (See minutes of June 2, 2023.) Concerns included impacts on this rural road and adjoining landowners. There has been no further word from Mr. Fernandez.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM