

**TOWN OF WHEATLAND
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
August 2, 2022**

Members present: Mike Grasso, Laura Michaels, Tim Steves, Joe Burns
And Jay Coates

Members absent: Kane Gascon, Robert Hatch

Also present: Terry Rech, Building Inspector
Raymond DiRaddo, Attorney for the Town

Chairman Coates called the Town of Wheatland Planning Board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

L. Michaels made a motion to approve the Town of Wheatland Planning Board minutes from 5/3/2022, seconded by T. Steves and approved as follows:

Mike Grasso -aye
Laura Michaels -aye
Jay Coates -aye
Time Steves -aye
Joe Burns - abstain

Old Business:

➤ **Bodhi Solar Project**

Bridget Cuddihy was present in person and Mark Sweeny was present virtually to give updates on the project. B. Cuddihy stated that to the south of the driveway there will be a green mesh that will go over the wooden post game fence which will cover the lower portion of system. The view to the South will also have screening. The view from North Rd will have a screen on the wooden game fence, along with a secondary fence made from camo netting that will be 10 feet high and sit 2 feet off the ground, giving 12 feet of screening. The racking will be blocked by this netting which will be attached to metal poles. The corner of north and Riga Rd will have screening as well which was missing in the previous plan.

Mark Sweeny stated that the screening will be multi layered with a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, along with the green mesh along the fence. He said that they have worked very hard to make the project unseen and natural.

Chairman Coates stated that the Public Hearing is still open on this project.

The following comments and concerns were made by the public in attendance:

- **Becky Fortner**, 1760 Riga Mumford Rd., Churchville, NY
 - Questioned what the view will be from her home.
 - Ms. Cuddihy stated that the mesh will be installed on the fence going around the entire system.

- **James Tripodi**, 3513 North Rd., Scottsville, NY
 - Stated that the solar farm will be right next to his property. He wondered how long the solar farm will be there?
 - J. Coates said that they will be there for a minimum of 20 years but can be there as long as they would want to continue. If they no longer wish to have the solar farm, the land must be returned to farmland.

 - Is this land leased or purchased?
 - J. Coates said that it is leased.

 - When will they begin the construction?
 - B. Cuddihy said that they will begin construction in the Spring.

There being no further comments; Chairman Coates closed the Public Hearing.

J. Coates stated that the next steps are to draft the SEQR resolutions and review Public Comment. The Engineering comments are close to being complete.

New Business: None

Future Business: None

There will be no work session in August.

T. Steves made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Burns and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Smith