

Corinth Planning Board Minutes

October 14, 2020

The Corinth Planning Board met at 5:00 PM at the Tom Davis property at 657 Main Street to meet with the applicants for the New England Solar Garden Corporation solar array project at that site. Present were: Planning Board members- Chair James Connolly, Josh Campbell, Bill Malloy; CEO Phil Stevens; Applicant representatives: Property Owner Tom Davis, New England Solar Garden Corporation- Mike Redding, Tiffany Chase; Sebago Technics- Owens McCullough. The Board got a presentation on the site layout and then adjourned until the regular Planning Board meeting at the Town Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by the Chair James Connolly. Members present were James Connolly, Josh Campbell, William Malloy and CEO Phil Stevens. Others in attendance were Property Owner Tom Davis, New England Solar Garden Corporation- Mike Redding, Tiffany Chase; Sebago Technics- Owens McCullough.

No minutes available from the September 17th site visit at the Corinth Storage Facility Project and Planning Board meeting.

- I. Old Business: New England Solar Garden Corporation (NESGC) Solar Array at Davis Farm Trust property at 657 Main Street, 107 acre parcel, solar array project area less than 20 acres in size, 3.6 Megawatt. Owen and Mike presented information on the project design and layout. NESGC is leasing the solar array project area from the Davis Farm Trust for 20 years with the option to renew 4 times for 5 years at a time. A MDOT driveway entrance permit has been applied for and a copy of the application was provided to the Board. The Company has an insurance policy to cover decommissioning costs if that is necessary after the useful life of the project is reached and it isn't reconfigured and permitted for continued operation after that. Key components: no site grading, knotted wire fence to be wildlife friendly and better visual appeal, minimal clearing to blend with site except on the east side, positioned on site to avoid wetland impacts, driveway passes by existing house on front of property, panels anticipated to be at least 80% efficient at 20 years, town would be additional insured under decommissioning insurance policy. Construction timeline: Begin Spring 2021 complete and be online in late 2021.
After discussion and questions Josh made a motion seconded by Bill to approve the Site Plan Review for the project as presented with the following conditions:
 1. MDOT Driveway Entrance Permit has to be approved and granted by MDOT.
 2. Boards acceptance for the access as presented for this project would not carry forward to any future reuse or additional projects on this site that require Planning Board approvals. Access for those projects would be evaluated and reviewed as appropriate based on ordinances in place at that time.
 3. NESGC would provide the Town of Corinth with a copy of the decommissioning Insurance Policy naming them as an additional insured.Motion approved unanimously and the Site Plan Review Application was signed and passed to the CEO.
- II. New Business: None
- III. Meeting was then adjourned.