

NEWFIELD PLANNING BOARD

SITE WALK 66 Water St. Map22 Lot 4.1

Saturday 10-31-20 at 10am

NBD Solar Maine LLC site walk for proposed Ground Mounted Solar Facility 5.486 MWdc (4.990MWac)

17 Attendees: Shawn Meehan, Eric S., Gloria D., Dan P., Anthony G., Emily F, Helen W., Mary M., Andrea S., Ken , Allen M., J.M., Eileen H., 4 other people

Introduction: Gloria Dyer introduced NBD Solar representative, Shawn Meehan

NBD representative: Shawn Meehan gave an overview of the project and answered questions. Elements discussed were as follows:

- Photovoltaic system
- Project will not use any town services, not taking anything from the Town, giving back by taxes- Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT program)
- Noise-industry standards is 60dcb,project will be 50dcb , no lights, fencing critter friendly
- Using same entrance and exit as exists currently
- 8 ft. berm with shrub and trees for buffer
- Panels last 20 years, may change out
- Interconnection study done by CMP is currently second in que , it takes about 45 days to complete the study, NBD Solar will have a 20-year contract with CMP, this project is on the Limerick Substation transmission line.
- Company will carry liability insurance
- Fire Dept. training will be done, cannot provide power directly to the Public Safety Building
- Current power surges were mentioned by resident

Most attendees walked the perimeter of the property. The forested area mentioned in the plan has already been harvested. Very little cutting remains to be done. The terrain at the north west side of the 15 acres has a small area of steep slopes in the shape of a basin. The rest of the lot is fairly level. The panels will follow the contour of the land and will face Route 11(south side of lot). All the buildings will be removed and recycled as much as possible. The leach field and septic tank were located in the area of the current office building. The tank and field will be removed . An oil tank visible in one of the out buildings. The well was located and is going to be capped below ground. A board member asked about the possibility of using the existing water source to irrigate the berm. Deer tracks were observed at the back of the lot. An invasive species shrub was sited at the back of the lot by a community member and brought to the attention of the board and the developer. Recreational trails were visible and the NBD Solar representative reported that the company is recreational trail friendly. There were some homes visible on the east side of the property. Vegetative buffer will be left intact as much as possible behind the planned chain link fencing.

Site walk concluded at 11:05