

Town of Newfield
Planning Board Special Meeting
23 South Effingham Road
West Newfield Maine 04095
December 16, 2020

Present: Gloria Dyer, Benjamin Buzzell ,Skip Tonge, Anthony Garrity and Dan Phelan (Alternate voting member).

Absent: Emily Foss (Alternate

In attendance : Eric Sanderson of SMP, Christian Loranger of SBD Solar, and Sean representing SBD Solar on Zoom.

Quorum: yes

Called to order: 7:00 PM in person and on Zoom

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Old Business : SBD Solar

Map 22 Lot 4.1

66 Water Street

Discussion resumed from the December 2nd meeting on the Findings of Fact for the solar project. A data sheet was handed out on the panels to be used and their construction. Gloria's concern was pollutants leaching into the aquifer. Mr. Loranger stated that no reflective film was on the panels that could possibly cause corrosion and will not be used. The panels are enclosed. Article 8 Section 3 of the Land Use book was consulted for processing the request for a conditional use permit. Items 8 thru 12 concerned the proposed berm and landscaping of such. A 4 foot rolling berm is planned with trees and a wildflower mix . The property under the panels will be mowed at least twice a year. The vegetation to be planted was discussed at length.

The discussion continued on referring to page 8.2C of the Land Use Book. Items 1-6 were reviewed and found to meet the standards.

Article 9 Performance Standards were discussed. All items were N/A except one that was discussed.

The figures for the decommissioning of the project were discussed. A formula and rate to be acceptable to the Selectmen and Town Attorney was decided. A possible irrevocable letter of

credit was discussed taking onto consideration a figure for inflation.

The board agreed to vote on conditions as a whole.

Ben made a motion "to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the 12 conditions as discussed in this meeting to be approved, and the board will review them at their January Meeting.

Vote on the motion::

Gloria No, Ben yes, Skip yes Anthony yes, with Dan Abstaining

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The permit was approved.

Findings of Fact will be prepared by Eric Sanderson and emailed to Gloria and Mr. Loranger

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2021 at 7: PM

Minutes by Shelly Gobeille Selectperson