

Town of Ledyard Planning Committee Meeting  
July 13, 2016  
Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Popular Ridge Rd, Aurora, NY 13026

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Ron Buxenbaum; Claire Morehouse arrived at 7:35.

PRESENT:

Ronald Buxenbaum, Chairman  
Paul Simkin  
Claire Morehouse  
Mark Bailey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debbie Ross, Kim Landsdowne, Chet Feldmann, Bharath Srinivasan, Matthew Kozlowski, Brody Smith, Mike Lindberg, Brian Broga(?), Min Creasy, Margaret Flowers, Shirley Egan, Linda Schwab

Chairman Buxenbaum read a letter from Steve Kubarek stating he resigned from the Town of Ledyard Planning Committee effect July 4, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Special development district needed for solar project at Cornell University's Musgrave Farm by Artemis Solar LLC, a subsidiary-affiliate of Distributed Sun LLC. Bharath Srinivasan from Artemis Solar gave a presentation telling of the steps taken thus far between Artemis, Cornell University and NYSEG, showing maps created by Labella Associates for the site storm water pollution prevention plan, stating deadlines and his company's responsibilities which includes removal of the system if required. Cornell will absorb the produced electricity and could buy Artemis out after 20 years. The solar panels degrade approximately one half percent per year and have a life span of approx. 30 years. Mid-August is latest to break ground and meet deadlines.

Discussion followed: what happens when panels become obsolete (Mark Bailey)? Artemis Solar required to remove.

Shirley Eagan, representing Cornell, stated they are under the gun to move the project along and led discussion on development of special district, restating deadlines. To save time, Town of Ledyard Board should be lead agency.

Another person (Min Creasy) restated the requirements for development of a special district and type 1 versus other zoning development and thought the project represented no threat to environment or neighbors.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Mark Bailey moved to let Town Board be the lead agency for this project. Claire seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous Ayes

Town Board meets 7/27/16 for Public Hearing on this project. Planning Committee should attend this meeting and meet following the Public Hearing. Planning Committee will also meet on 8/3.

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2. Wells College Athletic Field – closure of 2 special permits.  
Letter from Brian Brown, Wells College Director of Facilities, was read: all work has been completed and closure of 2 special permits requested. Their attorney (Brody Smith) addressed the 2 issues: plantings to screen fields and shielding of lights. Discussion followed: plantings are as described in MOU. Shielding of the lights was done. Handout showed lower light level readings after shielding at 7 points along Frye Rd (40 to 100 %) and 7 points along Dublin Rd (63 to 100 %). Discussion became heated and Mark 'Called the Question', Vote was unanimous, discussion stopped.

MOTION: Paul Simkin moved, Mark seconded, to approve closure of the 2 special permits to Wells College. Brian Hicks will sign off, including handicap access.

VOTE: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

ADJOURN: Motion made by Claire, seconded by Paul, to adjourn at 9pm.

VOTE: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Ross