

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

PRESENT: Max Fruchter
Dolores Cogan
Zachary Middleton
Joe McMurray

ABSENT: Chairman Mark Belden
Donald Sanders, Jr
Valerie Ingersoll

OTHERS PRESENT: Evan Callahan, Sage Ezell, Mitch Quine, Town Engineer Chris Koenig and Planning Board Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled

BUSINESS:

**CS Energy
Somers Solar
Workshop**

Evan Callahan: We have submitted the following new material:

- Revised site plan due to the Fire Dept. requesting 20' wide access roads
- Anticipated tree growth rates
- NYSAGM construction guidelines reference, and a remaining filter strip/panel conflict
- Revised Draft SWPPP – bio retention areas have been removed
- Revised response to CT Male memo provided in August (Questions 8,11,14,27,30)
- Removal of panels due to the finding of an Indigenous Projectile

We would like to get the public hearing closed tonight as well as have CT Male prepare the SEQRA determination.

Dolores Cogan: Have you made the changes to the Decommissioning Agreement?

Evan Callahan: Yes and we will be submitting the changes to the Town Attorney for his review.

Chris Koenig: What surety type are you proposing?

Evan Callahan: We have proposed a Letter of Credit but it is up to the Town.

Chris Koenig: In the past we have required a bond. Have you made any changes to steps 1-10 of the Decommissioning Agreement from July?

Evan Callahan: No, we are going with the same estimate received from Tetrattech.

Chris Koenig: Does the proposal include removal of roads, fencing and trees?

Evan Callahan: Fencing will be removed but removal of roads and trees will be up to the landowner. The estimate includes removal of fences, roads and trees in the event they need to be removed.

Chris Koenig: Where was the artifact found?

Evan Callahan: (Showed the Board the location of the artifact) the artifact was taken to SHPO for review and given back to the landowner. We have a no impact letter from SHPO regarding artifacts but we are waiting for the historical resources sign off. We have contracted with an Archeologist for that work.

Chris Koenig: Any other site plan updates?

Evan Callahan:

- 16' max panel height
- 20' wide access road
- Wetland notes added
- 3 categories of trees (Demo, Cutting, Selective tree cutting: Over 30' in height to avoid panel shading)

Chris Koenig: Where does the lumber go?

Evan Callahan: The landowner can have it to sell or we could market it or chip it and spread it on site.

Chris Koenig: 6 acres of tree removal using a hand felling method, how will that be done in the wetland?

Evan Callahan: Using chainsaws with the tree being held up by an excavator with a claw and then pulled out, we will be using timber mats as well.

Chris Koenig: We cannot close the public hearing tonight due to the meeting not being noticed as virtual; the public hearing will remain open until we can meet in a public setting.

- Went through SEQRA Part II with the Board and it was tabled while a Part III is prepared and then the applicant can return to the ZBA to finish up the variance requests.
- Submit noise specs

- Talk with Town Attorney about latest surety submission – full security during construction.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2023 (tentative)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Joe McMurray, Seconded by Dolores Cogan to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm
ALL AYES

Dated: October 30, 2023

Aimee Mahoney, Clerk