

Town of Farmingdale
Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/21/2022

I. Call to order

Frank called to order the meeting of the Farmingdale Planning Board at 6:00 PM on 12/21/2022

II. Members Present

Frank Pecor, Mark Lutte, and Leon Crockett

Other People Present

Greg Lumbert (Code Enforcement Officer), Karen LaPlante.

Absent: Bill Longfellow, Joseph Connors(liason)

Agenda Items

1. Minutes from October's meeting

The board reviewed the minutes, Mark motioned to accept them, Frank seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously in favor.

2. Solar Farm Ordinance

The board reviewed a sample ordinance that Greg had received from the Town of Chelsea. Concerns were raised regarding the noise level of solar farm substations, the risks of batteries on site, maintenance and disposal of the solar panels, as well as loss of wildlife habitat.

Frank recommended limiting the size of farms in town by restricting the acreage that can be used. Also recommended yearly charges to solar farms to cover additional costs of training for fire department, etc.

Mark recommended that abutters be notified about the possibility of a farm near them and that they are able to discuss concerns at upcoming planning board meetings. Agrees that size of farms should be limited.

Greg will try to get a copy of the Solar Farm Ordinance from the City of Augusta for the board to review.

Frank made a motion that the town consider a moratorium on solar farm construction until an ordinance is drafted. Leon seconded the motion and all members were in favor. Frank will follow up with the select board to discuss the possibility of a moratorium.

3. Rose Lane Project

Brief follow up discussion on Rose Lane project. Agreed that owner still has some work to do on the property.

III. Adjournment

Frank adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Mark seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously in favor

Minutes submitted by: Karen LaPlante

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Frank Pecor

X 

Mark Lutte

X 

Bill Longfellow

X _____
Tyler Tripp Joseph Connors

X 

Leon Crockett

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