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**Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2019
Town Offices
148 Peck Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769
7:00 PM**

Present: Christopher Cooper, Robert Moitozo, Tomas Ennis, Tish Vadnais, Office Administrator Stacy Vilao, Jay Talerman Town Counsel

Absent: Edward Bertozzi, William Costa Sr, Jake Kramer

Mr. Cooper began the meeting with the Pledge of allegiance at 7:02p.m.

New Business

1. Green Energy Committee

Ms. Carolyn Panofsky from the Green Energy Committee was present.

Mr. Cooper stated that there is concern in the town regarding solar projects. There maybe potential to change the by-laws.

Ms. Vadnais stated that the citizens in town with concerns should utilize your committee as well.

Ms. Panofsky stated that she had some citizens of the town reach out to her already, and some had attended the committees last meeting. Some of the concerns brought up by those citizens were; what happens when a solar project stops operating, do plantings have to pass some type of inspection. She also asked how bonds work as far as solar projects are concerned.

Mr. Copper stated that the board can retain a landscape architect and the bonds are used for that, also a bond is used to decommission a site if it is no longer working.

Ms. Panofsky explained that the Green Energy Committee is working towards getting "Green Community Status".

Public Hearing

1. 117 County Street – 18-01 Solar, 18-02 GWSP, 18-02 SPA

Mr. Christian Farland of Farland Corp. was present.

Attorney Michael Keogh was present on behalf of the applicant.

There was much discussion between both attorneys' present, the board and abutters in regards to the retreat lot status and if the project should be allowed to move forward on a retreat lot.

Mr. Michael O'Hern of 119 School Street was present.

Mr. O'Hern read a letter into the record.

Ms. Lynn Ferreira of 114 County Street was present.

Ms. Ferreira read the definition of Open Space into the record. She felt that there are issues

surrounding the health, safety and welfare of the residents. She also felt that if this project is approved it will set a precedent in the town.

Attorney Edward Brennan, on behalf of the Rebello's who reside at 11 Francis Farm Road, was present.

Mr. Brennan gave a copy of a letter he wished to have made part of the record.

Mr. Jeff Martin of 15 Francis Farm Road was present.

Mr. Martin is against the project because it being proposed on a retreat lot.

The board discussed how they felt about the project being proposed on a retreat lot, and they requested the applicant provide more information so the board can make a more informed decision.

Mr. Farland requested a continuance until March 6, 2019.

Per the suggestion of Town Counsel, the board requested that all new information be submitted at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

2. 149 Pleasant Street – 18-02 Solar, 18-03 GWSP

Mr. Copper stated that the board had conducted a site walk on Mr. Traver's property. There are going to be screening issues that will need to be addressed.

3. 582 Winthrop Street – Geisser – 18-03 GWSP

Mr. Cooper stated that the applicant was not present.

New Business

2. Phil Karl – Solar Project Concerns

Mr. Phil Karl and Jennifer Karl of 24 Gorham Street were present.

Mr. Karl asked how the application process works. He also asked if a project would be screened from his property.

The board explained both processes.

Mr. Copper stated that the board had not received an application from an applicant near their property.

3. Water Commission – Decision to defer GW Protection District Upgrade

Mr. Ted Ballard from the Water Commission was present.

Mr. Ballard spoke in regards to the viability of the town's drinking water, the inadequate state of the Groundwater Protection District, changes he felt need to be made to the Ground Water Protection District by-laws. He also gave the board an update regarding the issues and where they stand at this time.

The board stated that Mr. Bertozzi would be contacted to get his notes on the by-law changes and have those assigned to Mr. Costa.

Mr. Jack Hermance of 75 Ash Street was present.

Mr. Hermance stated that he was on the Water Commission study group. Also read a statement into the record. He felt that the Groundwater Map needs to be changed.

Ms. Vadnais made a motion that Mr. Hermance could speak to Bill Napolitano at SRPEDD on behalf of the Planning Board.

Mr. Moitozo seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Minutes

1. January 9, 2019

Ms. Vadnais made a motion to approve the above-named minutes as written.

Mr. Ennis seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Invoices1. WB Mason - \$4.42 – Office supplies

Ms. Vadnais made a motion to pay the above-named invoice.

Mr. Moitozo seconded the motion. Motion passes.

2. Fuss & O'Neil - \$2265.84 – Eastwood Estates Phase I

Mr. Moitozo made a motion to pay the above-named invoice.

Mr. Ennis seconded the motion. Motion passes

Adjournment

Ms. Vadnais motioned to adjourn at 10:05 pm

Mr. Ennis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted



Christopher Cooper, Chairman

Robert Moitozo, Vice-Chairman