

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 10, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Kenneth Smith, Chairman
George Oleen
Sari Hoy
Dale Martin

Board Members Absent: Caitlin Marsden McNeill

Others Present: Members of the Public
Lori Neil, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Kenneth Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ANR Requests – No ANR's

Discussion of 5G Installation Bylaw Change – No updates from Town Counsel.

Discussion on a revised Site Plan from SK Design Group, Inc, with the Hewins Street Photovoltaic (Solar) Project – Navisun, LLC is the new holder of the Special Permit. Navisun, LLC would like to construct a tracker system as opposed to the conventional stationary system. The panels automatically follow the sun through the day. The overall footprint will be nearly identical to the approved plan. No additional clearing. The solar panels are controlled by small, silent electric motors that run off the array. These systems are more efficient than their stationary counterparts. A citizen asked how much more efficient is it? There is a 15% more output on this system stated S. Campbell. The capacity goes down but more kilowatt hours are produced. Hopefully the project would be complete by the end of August 2021.

G. Oleen made a motion to accept the plan as presented. D. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes of February 24, 2021. Due to the posting, the Public Hearings of February 24, 2021 do not count, they will be taken off the minutes. **G. Oleen made a motion to take the Public Hearings off the 2/24/21 meeting minutes. S. Hoy seconded the motion, the motion carried 4-0.**

Public Inquiries: A citizen asked if the ZGC, LLC Public Hearing could be pushed back. The Public Hearing is posted.

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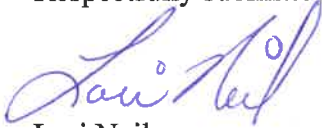
- Letter to Planning Board from the Select Board – Dated: 3/1/21 – to set up a collaborative meeting between the Planning Board and the Select Board.
- Letter to Planning Board from the Select Board – Dated: 3/1/21 – How to avoid Open Meeting Law Violations.
- Letters from Select Board
- Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals – Notice of Decision on Special Permit -2
- Town of Egremont Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing
- Town of Mt. Washington Public Hearing

Next meeting will tentatively be March 18, 2021.

There being no more business before the Board this evening, G. Oleen made a motion, with a second from S. Hoy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Lori Neil
Administrative Assistant

Additional Documents:
SK Design documents
Draft Minutes