

Town of Collins Planning Board Meeting
October 20, 2020

Call meeting to order:

Chairman Brian Martin called meeting to order at 7:02 PM with the pledge to the flag and attendance taken.

Attendance:

Present: Tom Siegle, Tom Raymond, John Bentley, Richard Agle and Chairman Brian Martin

Not Present:

Mandatory Training:

- The five Planning Board Members and their Secretary watched a mandatory training video on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

Solar Projects Video:

- The five Planning Board Members and their Secretary watched a very informative solar projects video called "Siting, Large/Utility Scale Solar Projects: Important Environmental Zoning, and Legal Aspects to Consider" by Barton & Loguidice, an engineering, planning, environmental & landscape architecture firm and the Costello Cooney Fearon Law Firm, specializing in environmental law. The video explained the many different aspects and challenges of solar projects in towns, villages and cities. It also explained what is required by law; procedures & timelines; judicial review; fees; local law compliance; proposed legislation; SEQR Review; environmental assessment & EAF form; evaluation of potential impacts; along with solar law considerations. The video also covered site plan or special-use permit; final board review; approval or denial resolutions; compliance check-list; decommission plans; bonds & security; costs of decommissioning; PILOTs; purpose of PILOTs & length and PILOTs in local code/law.

Omni Navitas Solar Special-Use Permit Application:

- The Special-Use Permit Application is not complete at this time. Omni Navitas Solar sent in their Special-Use Application fee, but the additional copies with the corrections was not sent. Until the application is complete, the town cannot go forward with their Application.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Motion: Richard Agle

2nd: Tom Siegle

Vote: Passed - Tom Siegle - aye; Tom Raymond – aye; John Bentley – aye; Richard Agle - aye and Ch Brian Martin – aye

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Martin