

Town of Collins Planning Board Meeting
January 19, 2021

Call meeting to order:

Chairman Brian Martin called meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag and attendance taken.

Attendance:

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

Not Present: Tom Siegle

Guests: Cory McCandless, Omni Navitas Representative (by telephone)

Omni Navitas Solar Projects:

- The Planning Board Members held a telephone conversation with Cory McCandless, Omni Navitas Representative. The PB Members have several concerns regarding the solar projects and was discussed in length with Cory. Their major concerns are:
 - Tile lines being disturbed or damaged
 - Noise or hum (tonal noise) from the transformers and inverters
 - Solar panel glare
 - Road repair bond – during construction and then decommissioning the solar panels
 - Dismantle bond in place
 - Fire control – special training and equipment for local fire departments
 - Fencing around the perimeter of solar projects – DEC requirements
 - Drainage from run-off water – Storm Water Solution Prevention Package (SWIPP) w/ DEC
 - Mowing around the perimeter of the solar projects and under the solar panels
 - Shrubbery / barrier around the solar projects
 - SHIPPO not back yet
 - No more than 50% of the acreage can be covered by solar panels – one parcel is over 50%
 - 6-month lease agreement with landowner has expired – need copy of new lease agreement
 - Final SEQR
- After the phone conversation the Cory, the Planning Board held a lengthy discussion regarding all the topics discussed with Cory. The Planning Board decided to ask the Town Board for a 30-day extension. A resolution was put forth.
- Resolution:
 1. The Planning Board to request from the Collins Town Board, a 30-day extension for a site plan review on the Omni Navitas Solar Projects.

Motion: Chairman Brian Martin

2nd: Dick Agle

Vote: **Passed** – Tom Raymond – aye; John Bentley – aye; Dick Agle – aye; Ch Brian Martin – aye

File/Resolution – PB1-2021

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Motion: Ch Brian Martin

2nd: Tom Raymond

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Martin

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