Town of Collins Planning Board Meeting
May 18, 2021

Call meeting to order:

Chairman Brian Martin called meeting to order at 7:03 PM with attendance taken.

Attendance:

Present: Tom Siegle, Tom Raymond, John Bentley and Ch Brian Martin

Not Present: Richard Agle

Guests: Jackie McLean, Collins Councilman; Peter McAuliffe, Omni Navitas; Brenda & Fred Overhoff; Diane & David Gamel; Lynn Krencik and Chris & Dan Rychlik

Training:

- No training will be held at Houghton this year. Ch B Martin is going to ask the Town Board if they can use the NYSERDA Book on Solar to count towards their training credits.

Omni Navitas Solar Projects:

- Peter McAuliffe from Omni Navitas gave a presentation to the Planning Board Members regarding changes to the site plan. The location of the transformers will be moved to the East side of the property and the inverters will now be located at the end of the rows. Changes to the electrical hook up will no longer be attached to utility poles running along the road, they will hook up directly to the main electric transmission line located in the field. Also, there are some changes to the landscape plans regarding some of the shrubbery to be planted. The PB members brought up their concerns with glare off the panels along with tonal and decibel noise levels from the transformers and inverters. The PB would like to have a frequency range study conducted.

Ames Store Building:

Ch B Martin told the PB members that Big Lots contacted him two weeks ago and a Big Lots store is moving into the Ames Department Store Building. The building plans were dropped off to the Town earlier today (5/18/21), they are using the existing building and plan on opening for business before Christmas.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Motion: Tom Siegle

2nd: Tom Raymond

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Martin