

TOWN OF GOSHEN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD
May 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Environmental Review Board of the Town of Goshen was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Town Hall.

Present: Neal Halloran, Building Inspector
Thomas Burnham, Chairman
Marty Holmes
John Lupinski

Absent: Carol Laskos
Lou Adamis
Samuel Bergsohn

Solar Liberty Energy Systems, Inc. – 18-1-1.3: Application for subdivision, site plan and special permit for a solar energy system on 58.9 +/- acres on Milburn Road, Moonlight Trail and Storms Road in the RU Zone with AQ-3, Stream Corridor & Water Supply Watershed and Scenic Road Corridor overlays. **Revised Plans**

The Environmental Review Board made the following comments:

General

- Solar projects should not be located on prime agricultural soils
- Town should start respecting this as the volume of new solar projects seems to be increasing
- Segmented projects like this make for longer project timeframes

Plan Set

- No member was provided with a complete plan set
- Consistent plans were not provided
- Plans should be resubmitted to be reviewed properly
- SBL should be on site plans
- Plans should indicate areas of prime agricultural soils
- Provide a large plan set as legal-sized version was difficult to read
- Review plans should be of quality
- Boards should start rejecting sloppy plans

Poles

- Consider a way for the Town to enforce the dismantling of zombie poles in a timely fashion through fines and/or taxation
- Poles should be removed when upgraded poles come into service
- Applicant should explain the interconnection between the two arrays

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- The interconnection segment should have a blown-up area on the map to zoom in for details

Site Plan

- Should show existing homes on the site plan
- Buffer is inadequate
- Clear to the property line
- Explain the subdivision of the property
- 90-degree turn on site plan is inadequate for vehicles
- Show a staging area
- Put a turn around on the site
- There is not good access to the site
- Show turns where they can be accessed off Reservoir Road
- Show access on Reservoir Road
- Show turning radius
- Requirement between the two arrays should have 100-foot setback on each side of property line which creates a 200-foot corridor

Water

- Solar project should not be upstream of Village water sources

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.