

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
November 7, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)
Thomas Kline
Richard Swan
Tim Elliott excused
Richard Fisher

Others Present

Emilie Flanagan-Project Manager Borrego Solar
Steve Long-Civil Engineer Borrego Solar
Rose Baker
Kenneth Baker
Marc Kenward-Senior Associate Erdman Anthony

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fenton opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 6:58pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to approve the November 7th, Agenda. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the meeting agenda; second by Richard Swan. Motion was carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the October 3rd, 2018 meeting. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the minutes; Richard Swan seconded the motion. The Motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Fenton reminded of the two trainings

1-Niagara County Department of Economic Development Land Use Training for Local Officials on Tuesday, October 30, Thomas Kline attended and turned in training certificate.

2-Fall Regional Local Government Workshop Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in Batavia- cost is \$75.00 per person Chairman Fenton will attend.

Chairman Fenton offered Rural Futures Booklet for perusal to the board members

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentations by Representatives from Borrego Solar Energy and Erdman Anthony Engineering Consultants for two Solar Energy Projects located at 3846 Beals Road, Medina, NY 14103 and 3962 Allis Road, Medina, NY 14103 on behalf of the property owner Kenneth Baker to provide information to the Planning Board.

Beals Road Project

3846 BEALS ROAD SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. plans to build a 4.3 Mw ground mounted, utility grade solar energy system on approximately 29.487-acre site on Beals Road in the Town of Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, the above Project has been determined to be a "Type I Action" under SEQR regulations Part 617.4 (b)(6) of SEQR of the New York Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board has reviewed and accepts Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared by Marc Kenward, P.E. from Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers; and

RESOLVED, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board intends to act as Lead Agency and will complete a Coordinated Review with the following Involved Agencies and Interested Parties:

Involved Agencies:

Orleans County Planning Board
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Interested Parties:

New York State Department of Transportation
Orleans County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
Orleans County Agricultural District
New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board will notify the Involved Agencies and Interested Parties of its intention to act as Lead Agency for this project and will provide them with a copy of Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for review during the 30-day comment period.

Allis Road Project

3962 ALLIS ROAD SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. plans to build a 6.8 Mw ground mounted, utility grade solar energy system on approximately 40.445-acre site on Allis Road in the Town of Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, the above Project has been determined to be a "Type I Action" under SEQR regulations Part 617.4 (b)(6) of SEQR of the New York Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board has reviewed and accepts Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared by Marc Kenward, P.E. from Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers; and

RESOLVED, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board intends to act as Lead Agency and will complete a Coordinated Review with the following Involved Agencies and Interested Parties:

Involved Agencies:

Orleans County Planning Board
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

Interested Parties:

New York State Department of Transportation
Town of Shelby
Orleans County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
Orleans County Agricultural District
New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board will notify the Involved Agencies and Interested Parties of its intention to act as Lead Agency for this project and will provide them with a copy of Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for review during the 30-day comment period.

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to send the Allis Road Project to the Town of Ridgeway Zoning Board for a variance to address the 250' setback to a 163' setback in regard to the footage between the Helena Chemical Warehouse and the project. Thomas Kline made the motion with a second by Richard Fisher. Motion carried.

A public hearing will be set to address both projects for Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:05pm

Chairman Fenton called for a motion for the Town of Ridgeway Planning Board to start the SEQR process, send on to the County Planning Board and act as the lead agency on the Allis Road and Beals Road Solar Projects and send on to the County Planning Board. Richard Swan made the motion with a second by Thomas Kline. Motion carried.

Chairman Fenton asked if there were any further questions or concerns. Since there were none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Swan made a motion and was seconded by Thomas Kline. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk