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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
2ND Floor Auditorium
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WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK

Present: David Whitaker, Garrett Davieau, Lionel Cloutier, Kyle Bradley and David Koonce

Absent: Tony George

DOCUMENT & EXHIBITS

135 Gardner Rd. - plans

Lincoln Ave. - plans

Ash St. - plans

56 Beachview Dr. - plans

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garrett Davieau called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved the minutes of January 25, 2018.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved to pay the secretary.

HEARINGS

7:05 p.m. NOI, 135 Gardner Rd., Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. installation of solar energy facility
David Albrecht, Borrego Solar System represented the applicant

The project entails the installation of a 5,580.0 kW ground-mounted solar energy generating facility on the west side of route 140. Abutter return cards were turned passed in to the Commission.

Mr. Albrecht will contact our consultant, Tom Perragalo early next week. He will have a scoping session with MEPA and the Town Manager on the Environmental Impact Report. A stonewall surrounds the property. 18.6 acres is inside of the fence. Trees were cleared and stumps will be rounded off. Silt fence will be used as erosion control. Tree line has been pulled back 25' to meet the 50' no disturb zone. The array is facing due south. They are proposing an energy storage battery and a riser pole that is not on the original plans. In the wetland area they are leaving the tree stumps after clearing. The remaining vegetation is for regrowth. The detention basin is located at the far north end of the site. They will respond to DEP comments. The letter from Natural Heritage states that the work does not impact the habitat. The Board did not have any further comments. Chairman, Davieau opened the hearing to comments from the abutters. One abutter asked if it would emit noise. They do emit noise during the day but it is far enough away that it is not as loud. Another asked if it would cause TV interference and they asked if they would they be notified when construction begins? The Commission is willing to make a condition to notify the abutters. The construction could go on through 2018-2019. They would like to be done this year, but it depends on many factors. Agent Koonce will continue the hearing to get the comments from Tom Perragalo. And he would like the storm water revue. The next meeting will be March 15, 2017, the 3rd Thursday of the month. This would give enough time to give Agent Koonce time to review any revision from the Planning Board.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to continue the hearing to March 15, 2018.

7:20 p.m. RDA, Lincoln Ave. right-of-way, Town of Winchendon DPW, road improvements
John Perry, Dynamic Energy Solutions represented the applicant.

The project entails the improvements to an approximately 1400'-1500' length of Lincoln Avenue Agent Koonce stated the culvert may need to be replaced. Excavation will be done to improve the surface. Erosion Control will be installed in needed areas and will be a condition. Additional fill will be brought in. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination.

7:30 p.m. Request for Amended Order of Conditions 345-0653, Winchendon Ash St. Solar 1 LLC
John Perry, Dynamic Energy Solutions represented the applicant.

The amendment entails the cutting and trimming of trees within 50' of bordering vegetated wetlands to prevent shading of solar array. It was originally approved on 11/7/17 for Ash St. Golf Course to manage the shade in the buffer zone around the wetland. They will remain 100' away from the potential vernal pools. They do have current approval, but it does not allow shade management in the 50' no-disturb area. They will donate \$2,000 to the Fire Dept. to be used at their discretion. The current map is in error, it does not show they will go into the wetlands. They would like to characterize the intensity of cutting. No more than 50% once very year or two. No cutting during bird nesting season. The Commission recommends cutting in the winter months. It is best for the habitat. There was a discussion with the Selectmen about accepting gifts for waivers. The Commission will have to speak to the Selectmen regarding gifts.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to close the hearing. Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved to amend the Order of Conditions contingent on the Board of Selectmen's approval.

John Perry would like to go over the plans again to make sure there is no encroachment in the wetlands. The applicant needs to go to the Board of Selectmen to inform them of the Board's decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Agent Koonce is requesting the Commission change their meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month to help with the Agent's schedule. Agent Koonce stated he will work on Wednesdays instead of Monday's due to the many Monday Holidays.

Building Permit Application - 56 Beachview Dr.

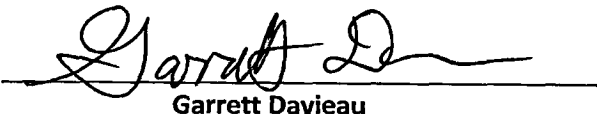
The applicant is proposing a new deck that will be expanding the current deck and replacing boards. This will be adding 80 additional feet closer to the water. He will be working by hand. No impact on the water. He will use 4 Sono Tubes 6" out of the ground. The deck is coming out 8'. Agent Koonce recommended he use double staked hay bales by the water. The board is ok with it. He should contact Agent Koonce when he begins the work.

ADJOURNMENT

Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Driscoll, Secretary


Garrett Davieau


Lionel Cloutier


Kyle Bradley


David Whitaker