

Minutes
Fairhaven Planning Board
East Room, Fairhaven Town Hall
40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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The meeting opened at 6:38 p.m. and Mr. Hayward advised the meeting was being recorded.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Quorum/Attendance:

Present: Chairman, Wayne Hayward, John Farrell, Geoff Haworth, Jeffrey Lucas, Cathy Melanson, Nicholas Carrigg and Ann Richard

Absent: Rene Fleurent

Acceptance of Minutes: Ann Richard made a motion to accept the April 24, 2018 minutes and was seconded by Jeffrey Lucas. The Board passed the minutes 5-2, with Nicholas Carrigg and Cathy Melanson abstaining, as they were not in attendance on the April 24, 2018 meeting.

Planning Board Bills:

1. AD – **Chadwick's** - Haworth Name Plate – John Farrell made a motion to pay \$10.00 to Chadwick's for Geoff Haworth's name plate and was seconded by Jeffrey Lucas. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Engineering – **GCG Associates, Inc.** – 20 Yankee Lane - \$840.00
Geoff Haworth made a motion to pay GCG Associates Inc \$840.00 and was seconded by Jeffrey Lucas. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CURRENT PLANNING:

Receipt of Plans: None

Approval of Plans: None

Street Acceptance: None

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Special Permit** – The applicant, Clean Energy Collective, LLC is requesting approval to construct an approximate 3 megawatt solar farm consisting of approximately 11,000 ground mounted solar panels on two lease areas for a total lease area of approximately 15 acres. The location is 20 Yankee Lane, Map 39, Lots 16, 23 & 30. (Continued from 3/27, 4/10 & 4/24/18)

Wayne Hayward opened the Public Hearing and advised the Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions has since been recorded.

Greg Carey, on behalf of Clean Energy Collective was present spoke briefly stating that they received a favorable letter from GCG for the project.

Mr. Hayward stated that the Board has been circulated an email for a bond in the amount of \$81,600 proposed for decommissioning, for twenty years.

Mr. Lucas asked who would be responsible for decommissioning after twenty years.

Mr. Hayward stated the homeowners.

Mr. Lucas suggested in the future the Board perhaps get a peer review on the bond.

Mr. Hayward reviewed the drafted 26 conditions.

Mr. Lucas shared his concern that the access road should be out of Chapter 61A as well. He stated research he had done thru the Department of Revenue that access roads should be taken out.

Ann Richard suggested they write that into their Solar Bylaws.

Mr. Lucas asked why the applicant had to go back to Conservation Commission a second time.

Mr. Carey stated it was to pull the wetland line in a little.

Cathy Melanson made a motion to approve the Special Permit for Clean Energy Collective, LLC to construct an approximate 3 megawatt solar farm on 20 Yankee Lane, Map 39, Lots 16, 23 & 30 with the 26 conditions and was seconded by John Farrell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

D. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Jeffrey Lucas asked if the Masterplan 2040 hard copies are in yet. Mr. Hayward said he has not received them as of yet, but anticipated 5 hard copies. He proposed submitting two to the Millicent Library, one to the Town Administrator, and one definitely in the Planning Department. The Board also discussed how many more copies they would make and how they would disperse them. The document was 128 pages.

E. CORRESPONDENCE: None

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

SRPEDD Annual Dinner – May 23, 2018 at Rachel's Lakeside

There would be four members attending. John Farrell made a motion to pay for four members for the annual SRPEDD Dinner on May 23, 2018 and was seconded by Jeffrey Lucas. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hayward informed the Board that this was Nicholas Carrigg's last meeting and thanked him for his time to the Board.

Mr. Carrigg stated for family reasons he had to resign but enjoyed the Board members and the work.

Mr. Hayward stated at the next meeting they would vote the vacancy and then the Board members and Board of Selectman would have a combined meeting to vote in another interested party.

Geoff Haworth made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Cathy Melanson. The motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is May 22, 2018.

Respectively submitted,



Patricia A. Pacella