

## **Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

### **June 14, 2017**

Members Present: All. Van Stoddard, Ken Kahn, Jean Bergstrom, Richard Nathhorst, Gary Gruber, Steve Freedman, Tom Ewing.

Minutes from May were approved. Van abstained as we was not present at the May meeting

8:00 Hearing for Special Permit and Site Plan Review for Ground Mounted Solar Array at Fay Zipkowitz property on North Leverett Road. They were present along with Lauren Harris from Valley Solar. They intend to install a 20 panel, one pole solar tracker, that will be 17 feet high. It will be in the back yard, about 40 feet from the house, no screening necessary. We unanimously approved the project and granted the special permit and site plan review, although we alerted them to the fact that We are in a gray area, as to whether Special Permit or Site Plan Review would be appropriate as we await approval of the changes to the solar bylaw from the Attorney General, and therefore we provided notices and publication for both hearings. The array shall not exceed 18 feet high.

Verizon submitted a plan for a cell tower at 309 ½ Long Plain Road. We have to have a hearing within 65 days of submission, which would be July 17th. We are scheduling a hearing on July 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, at 7:30 at our regularly scheduled meeting. Ken will let Carl Gehring from Verizon know the date and time.

Danielle Barshak, from the ZBA came to our meeting so that we could collaborate on plans as we await approval from the AG on the changes to the solar bylaw. We are switching our Special Permit Granting Authority from the Planning Board to the ZBA. Larry Farber has recused himself from the process.

We talked about how we would do the notice to abutters mailing. There are about 50 addresses. Ken will ask Margie if she can type up and send out the notices or maybe hire Portia to do it. The ZBA and PB will each publish their own legal notices in the public newspaper regarding the hearing. We chose the Greenfield Recorder. We will do a joint certified mailing.

We discussed the fact that we need to change the Site Plan Review Hearing Requirements. We can't put the onus on the applicant to send out the abutter notices.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Bergstrom