

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
PLANNING BOARD
P.O. Box 307 - 273 Main Street
Grahamsville, NY 12740
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MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town of Neversink Planning Board was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Philip Coombe III, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members:	Philip Coombe III, Chairman	PRESENT
	Bob Botsford	PRESENT
	Walter Zeitschel	PRESENT
	Eric Horton	ABSENT
	Dave Forshay	ABSENT
	Forest Darder	PRESENT
	Andrew Schwartz	PRESENT
	James Schmidt, Alternate	PRESENT
	James Garigliano, Alternate	ABSENT

Other Officials:	Keith Stryker, Code Enforcement Officer	PRESENT
	Ken Klein Esq., Town Attorney	PRESENT
	Keith Zanetti, Town Board Councilman	ABSENT

Other Guests Present:	Barbara Garigliano
	Walter Garigliano
	Mollie Messenger
	Brian Dunleavy

Chairman Phil Coombe III called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Neversink Planning Board to order at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to **APPROVE** the Regular and Public Hearing Minutes of the **May 3, 2023** meeting was

Moved by: Planning Board Member, James Schmidt

Seconded by: Co-Chairman, Walter Zeitschel

Approved by UNANIMOUS vote: **AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

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PRESENTATIONS:

18.-1-9.1 & 26.-1-6.1: NY Neversink I, LLC. – Special use for the Development of a Large Scale Solar Energy System - located at 318 Moore Hill Rd and Hastings Dr, Grahamsville NY

Chairman Phil Coombe opened the discussion stating that this project was brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals on 9/19/23. Robert Botsford asked about the order of things, and questioned the reason why the project wasn't brought to the Planning Board first. It was explained that the project had been presented to the ZBA first, because of the set-back variance required, in relation to the overlap line between the two parcels. No action was taken, and NY Neversink I, LLC. were then referred to the planning board. It was said that since this single project shares the same applicant, the boards should coordinate one public hearing for both boards, rather than having two public hearings. Ken Klein agreed and discussed a previous project that ran on similar terms.

Phil Coombe read aloud the agenda and then asked who was present to represent the applicant. Barbara Garigliano introduced herself, Mollie Messenger, Brian Dunleavy and Walter Garigliano who were all present on behalf of the applicant. Barbara noted to address technical questions to them and not to her. It was asked that the town send out a GML239 Request, send out notices and declare lead agency.

Forest Darder asked whether the DEP is involved and if there is any storm water run-off? Walter Garigliano stated that there will be a Stormwater Prevention Pollution Plan on the site, though Renewable Energy does not have that requirement. Mollie Messenger explained that DEC is following all necessary guidelines and procedures.

The Solar Panel Array is located about a 20 minute walk up the hill behind the museum. There will be no impact or footprint. No viewscape impact, with the exception of possibly looking up the mountain from say, the baseball fields at Neversink Community Park.

Back in November, schedule public hearing for December. Won't be back to ZBA until then, but will keep them up to date along the way.

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A motion to **request Part II and III of SEQR be sent to the Planning Board as Lead Agency within two weeks** was

Moved by: Planning Board Member, James Schmidt
Seconded by: Planning Board Member, Andrew Schwartz
Approved by UNANIMOUS vote: **AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 RECUSE:**

A motion to **coordinate with the Zoning Board of Appeals and send out a GML239 request** was

Moved by: Co-Chairman, Walt Zeitschel
Seconded by: Planning Board Member, Forest Darder
Approved by UNANIMOUS vote: **AYES:6 NAYS: 0 RECUSE:**

OTHER:

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

E-mail: NONE

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:37 PM was

Moved by: Planning Board Member, Andrew Schwartz
Seconded by: Planning Board Member, James Schmidt
Approved by UNANIMOUS vote: **AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Goodman, Clerk
(PBMTG100423)

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:00PM