

Town of Washington

Planning Board Summary

January 12, 2021

Attendance: Mitch Garnett (Chair), Bob Temple (CEO), Deb Dean, Steve Ocean, Jesse Casas

Absent: Katherine Grinnell

Zoom: Sarah Collins

Public Attendees: Randi Jackson, Mark Bergeron, Jacolby Leavitt

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm.

Public Hearing Summit Ridge Energy:

Randi Jackson presents a brief summary of the proposed solar array that would be located in an inactive portion of a gravel pit owned by Larry Sukeforth. (712 Waldoboro Rd.) The permits from DEP have been granted for the project and will be attached to completed documents at the Knox County Registry of deeds.

Mitch Garnett asks if any of the members of the public watching via Zoom had any questions. Due to a technical difficulty the one members of the public could not pose their question to Summit Ridge. Other Zoom participants did not have the same issue. The public hearing is concluded but any questions will be addressed for any late attendees.

The Planning Board continues regular meeting to give opportunity for public comment or question. After completing current business Jesse Casas motions to approve pending the attorney finalizing the decommissioning plan. Steve Ocean 2nd the motion and reminded Randi Jackson and Mark Bergeron that there was still a 30-day window of appeals for the public. All voted in favor, none opposed pending the preceding conditions. Project is approved and building permit can be issued once conditions are satisfied.

Planning Board Meeting:

Steve Ocean motions to approve December summary, Jesse Casas 2nd, all in favor, none opposed.

December summary is approved.

Mitch Garnett asks Bob Temple about the CEO report pertaining to upcoming projects. Bob has an interested party looking to put in a new gravel pit requesting to be in the February meeting, however no paperwork has been filed. Steve Ocean asked if any of the other pending projects have done any follow up, Bob Temple says there has been no contact from the other applicants.

Home Town Towing:

Bob Temple will work with Jacolby Leavitt to finish the paperwork needed to move ahead with a public hearing on January 26, 2021. Bob said he will assist with the site plan and Steve Ocean asked about a site review for the project. Mitch Garnett has requested the Finding of Fact document be given to the Planning Board by January 19, 2021 for review. Kelly has agreed to proofread the document to expedite the process. Jacolby Leavitt will be providing a presentation for public hearing. The abutters will be notified and a public notice will be published in the local newspaper.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hassanein