

Town of Washington

Planning Board Summary

October 13, 2020

In Attendance: Bob Temple (CEO), Deb Dean (Alt.), Mitch Garnett (Chair), Sarah Collins, Steve Ocean, Cassidy Parmley

Absent: Jesse Casas, Katherine Grinnell (Alt.)

Public Attendees: Jordan Belknap, Silas Canavan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Public hearing opened for comment.

Silas Canavan states project has received all the needed DEP permits for the state. They are only waiting for town approval. Steve Ocean asks when construction would begin, Jordan Belknap said that they are planning for next spring.

The town attorney (Peter Drum) has reviewed the decommissioning plan for the project. The proposed amount of \$221,583.52 would be placed in surety with the town as the benefactor to return the property to its current state of open meadow at the conclusion of the project. Mitch Garnett said the Selectmen have requested the Planning Board be involved with the type of bond to be set up. Steve Ocean has suggested that the creation of the decommission bond be a condition of the permit being issued. Mitch Garnett has stated that both the town attorney and planning Board will be involved in the creation of the surety due to the critical importance of the terms. Bob Temple added that there is also a credit that could be applied for recycling. Jordan Belknap has asked that the decommission plans approval be a condition of the permit as having the permit will give Turning Point access to the financing that will be used to create the surety. Mitch Garnett adds that a condition be added that an agreement is in place prior to any construction. Steve Ocean includes that the building permit will not be issued until the surety is in place, but the approval can be issued with this additional provision.

Public hearing closes at 7:15pm.

Cassidy Parmley motions to approve the project with the conditions noted, Steve Ocean 2nd, all in favor none opposed, project is approved. The plans must be registered with the Knox county registry of deeds. The Findings documents will be completed and left at the town office for members to sign before they can be registered with the Knox registry.

Cassidy Parmley asked how Washington residents will be notified when they are eligible to sign up for the solar power once it is available through CMP. Jordan said they would put out an advertisement and that any CMP customer would be able to sign up for the program.

New Business:

Bob has an application from CMP wanting to updated some areas of the grid on Rt 17 but has not heard back from CMP regarding a public hearing. Steve Ocean requested that it be put on next months agenda. Bob Temple will notify CMP.

Steve Ocean motions to approve September summaries, Sarah Collins 2nd, all in favor, none opposed. September summaries approved.

Cassidy Parmley motions to adjourn, Steve Ocean 2nd, All in favor, meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hassanein