

May 25, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board members present were Chairman Stinson, Kathleen Tamblin, Margaret McKay, Mary Lowe, absent, Niles Turner. Town Board Member Vance Carpenter, was also in attendance.

Privilege of the floor: None

Mail: RIC Energy Solar Project Documents, emails from Nancy Vlahos, Senior, Project Development Mgr.

Review of the Minutes from the April 27, 2023 meeting were read. Kathleen Tamblin made a motion to approve, Chairman Stinson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Project(s) Status:

Bast Special Use Permit, Dog Boarding Kennel. The Public Hearing was held prior to the Board meeting, there were no attendees, besides the Bast's, and no written comments were received. Margaret McKay made a motion to accept the SEQR Environmental Non-significance Determination, Chairman Stinson seconded, all in favor, motion passed. The permit final determination will be made upon receipt of Jefferson County 239-m review comments.

RIC Energy Site Plan Review & Special Use Permit Application & SEQR:

RIC, Mr. Kevin Bliss in attendance in place of Nancy Vlahos, Senior Project Development Mgr.,

Chairman Stinson noted that the Phase 1A Archeological Study, that EIC submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), was still outstanding. This was noted in an email from Nancy Vlahos. The RIC application won't be deemed complete without that document. The Board agreed that we are not comfortable with setting the official acceptance date of a complete application.

Discussion regarding fencing around the facility, Margaret McKay brought up what type of fencing would be put up. She suggested wildlife fencing be used which would allow small animals to cross the facility. Mr. Bliss said he would look into it.

Kathleen Tamblin brought up the concern of the depth of the poles, with the possibility of shale. Chairman Stinson asked if any blasting would be required to achieve the required depth. Mr. Bliss said no blasting would be done, if needed, the holes would be drilled.

Chairman Stinson brought up the issue of the final electrical hookup of various equipment on poles to the National Grid lines. He asked if there is a possibility of burying the lines. Mr. Bliss said he would look into it.

Margaret McKay began a discussion about the decommission of the facility and how much would be recycled and what amount would be going to the landfill. Also, has Development of North Country (DANC) had been contacted regarding disposal of the materials from the site. Kevin advised that he would look into it.

Chairman Stinson asked Mr. Bliss about how the flow/amount of power is determined. He advised that a study was conducted to determine the capabilities of 3 phase lines to assure that National Grid could/would accept the amount of power output by the solar farm through the Adams substation. Mr. Bliss stated that the RIC application should have contained a copy of the Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review (CESIR). It did not, he will look into it.

There were concerns regarding storage and turning radius of excavating equipment during construction. Will they be creating ruts in non-construction areas.

RIC provided a draft of the 239-m review and requested it be submitted to the Jefferson County Planning Board by June 15 to get on the June agenda. The referral to the County is dependent on the Planning Board having a complete application.

Chairman Stinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Seconded by Margaret McKay.

Next Planning Board meeting will be June 29, 2023, **after Solar Farm Public Hearing.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Lowe