

July 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were Chairman Stinson, Niles Turner, Kathleen Tamblin, Margaret McKay and Mary Lowe.

Privilege of floor: None

Mail: Various emails about the RIC project.

Review of the Minutes from the June 29, 2023 meeting was read. Niles Turner made a motion to approve and Margaret McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Project(s) Status: Nancy Vlahos, RIC Project Development Manager

- RIC Energy Site Plan Review & Special Use Permit Application, SEQR
- Draft of Solar Moratorium Local Law (Reviewed)
- County Highway Permit & Approval (No issues)
- Jefferson County Planning Board Referral Response (No major issues)
- Watertown Airport Glint & Glare Analysis (Waiting on their report)
- Development Agreement - RIC-Rodman-GYMO (Waiting on funding & resolution)
- Public Hearing - 23 August – 6 p.m. - Canceled.

Margaret McKay made a motion to cancel the Public Hearing date of August 23rd and reschedule after receiving guidance from our consultant, GYMO; and to allow Chairman Stinson the flexibility to assure all pertinent information has been received before setting the date for the Public Hearing. Kathy Tamblin seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

A letter was received from Nancy Vlahos, RIC representative, regarding the 62-day extension; verifying that RIC will agree to extending the review period until the solar portion of the Rodman Comprehensive Plan has been completed.

Nancy, RIC, stated that the Development Agreement check should be received next week.

There was a discussion that the access road might be too narrow for Emergency vehicles. Current Rodman Solar law states that the access road shall have a maximum of width of 16'. A 239-m review response letter from the Jefferson County Planning Board, stated that 16' may be too narrow and should be carefully analyzed .

RIC advised that a letter was sent to the Rodman Fire Chief regarding necessary fire equipment availability. It was advised by Niles Turner that the Fire District Chairman is currently out of the country, Peter Cheresnoski is handing his position.

It was also noted by Nancy, that RIC engineers are looking into Fuller Road as an access road, as an alternative to Rt. 155.

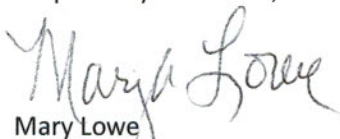
As a note to the working Solar Farm fire in the Town of Lyme, Nancy advised that RIC solar system does not contain any batteries.

It was discussed about the possibility of holding a Meet & Greet in advance of the Public Hearing to provide all of the information collected regarding the project. Margaret McKay advised she would check with the Town Board.

Chairman Stinson suggested changing our meeting times 6 pm. It was agreed to wait until fall to make the change.

A motion was made by Margaret McKay to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Niles Turner seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Lowe
Recording Secretary

The next Planning Board meeting will be August 31, at 7 pm.