

April 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Chairman Stinson, Niles Turner, Kathleen Tamblin, Margaret McKay and Mary Lowe. Also in attendance were Town Supervisor, Lisa Worden, and Town Attorney, Kevin McArdle.

Privilege of the floor: None

Mail: RIC Energy Solar Project Documents, Wetlands and Surface Waters Delineation Report

Review of the Minutes from the March 30, 2023 meeting were read. Kathleen Tamblin made a motion to approve, Niles Turner seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Project(s) Status:

RIC

Town Attorney Kevin McArdle advised that the Planning Board will be designated Lead Agency and will make the final negative/positive determination. He provided the resolution for the Board to review/discuss; Kathleen Tamblin made a motion to approve the resolution, Margaret McKay seconded, all in favor, resolution passed. The resolution also set the date and place for Public Hearing; June 29, 2023 at 6:30 at the Rodman Fire Hall.

An informal site visit by the Board was requested. Chairman Stinson stated that no more than 2 members could be on the site at the same time and that no discussion's are allowed. The purpose of the visit is to view the property line and to note visibility of surrounding structures. A tentative date of Sunday, May 7, 2023 was set. An email to the members will be sent to confirm by Chairman Stinson.

RIC asked if the Board wanted them to do mailings to the adjacent landowners but the Board will handle them.


RIC advised that they are waiting on Ft. Drum's letter regarding glare results. They also advised that the Archaeological report should be received to the Board by mid-May.

New Business:

Kirk & Patricia Bast, Special Use Permit, Sketch Conference for Dog Kennel Business:

SEQR short form will be required. Kathleen Tamblin will advise the Rodman Highway Superintendent to look at driveway for any access issues, Bast's will submit a drawing. The Article 5, Sec. 515 para. C, checklist was gone over. Margaret McKay made a motion to waive checklist #'s 3,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18, 19,21,22,23,24,25 and Article III, Section 525, A,B,D,E, maps, not required, C only. Niles Turner seconded, all in favor motion passed. Advised them to submit a site plan and get a copy of survey, draw a plan and drop off to Chairman Stinson. A Public Hearing was set for May 25, 2023 at 6:45 pm, Kathleen Tamblin made a motion to accept, Margaret McKay seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Planning Board meeting will be May 25, 2023 following the Public Hearing for Bast Special Use Permit for a dog kennel.

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lowe, Recording Secretary

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE INITIAL REVIEW, UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW LAW, OF THE PROPOSED RODMAN PV, LLC SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT AT 13681 COUNTY ROUTE 155, TOWN OF RODMAN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Planning Board of the TOWN OF RODMAN, duly convened in regular session on the 27th Day of April, 2023, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (6 NYCRR part 617) the Planning Board of the Town of Rodman hereby makes the following determinations and classifications with respect to the proposed RIC ENERGY, LLC solar energy project at 13681 County Route 155, in the Town of Rodman, Jefferson, New York .

1. The Planning Board of the Town of Rodman hereby determines that the action is subject to SEQR.
2. The Planning Board hereby determines that the action does not involve a Federal agency, and does involve other agencies.
3. The Planning Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the action as a Type I action in that the project exceeds the threshold for an Unlisted action in 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(5).
4. The Planning Board hereby determines that it is, and will be, the lead agency for the purposes of SEQR review of the action and will conduct a coordinated review of the project.

Section 2. A public hearing to address SEQR issues with reference to the above-described proposed project shall be held on June 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rodman Firehall at 21495 County Rt. 69, Rodman, NY 13682. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to publish a notice of said public hearing in the Watertown Daily Times and to give notice thereof to the Jefferson County Department of Planning and to other municipalities, boards and agencies entitled to notice thereof.

Section 3. A copy of the proposed project description and a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the County of Jefferson Planning Department, N.Y. State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, N.Y. State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, and N.Y. State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

## PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located at 13681 Jefferson County Route 155, Dry Hill Road, Rodman, NY (Tax ID #: 100.00-1-51.2). Note, the project area borders the Adams Town line, but is entirely within the Town of Rodman.

RIC is developing a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic system. The proposed Project will be sited on 22.6 acres within an 82.75-acre parcel of agricultural land. Access to the Project will be from a new entry road off County Route 155. The system will consist of 6,356 solar PV modules and 14 inverters which will be connected to one transformer. The total planned AC capacity is 3,000 kW and the total DC capacity of the facility is 4,194 kW.