



Town of Livermore Falls

Planning Board Meeting

Minutes

October 16, 2019

Municipal Building

6:30 PM

Members Present: Tim Fournier, Melissa Crocker, Kathy Langlin, Tom Barker

Meeting called to order by Melissa Crocker at 6:30 PM

Minutes:

Tom Barker mm to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting, Kathy Langlin s. (4-0)

New Business:

Site Plan Review Application, ReVision Energy, Inc., 58 Souther Road. Hans Albee presented to the Board a Site Plan Review Application to build a 10 acre, grid tied solar photovoltaic system to be located at 58 Souther Road, owned by Evelyn Porter and Priscilla Swartzlander. A lease was provided that proved ReVision Energy had legal standing to submit the application. Hans offered a detailed description of the project and how the system works.

Tom Barker asked about the cleanup of the property at the end of the equipments useful life. Hans stated that the equipment is expected to last 40 years, however the lease agreement is for 20 years, after which ownership reverts to the property owner and they can remove it.

The Board asked several questions regarding the safety of the equipment and the background and ownership interests in ReVision Energy, Inc.

Resident Bob Jones asked if the energy would be cheaper for the school district and if others can sign up to buy the energy. Hans stated that the energy is cheaper and non-profits are able to purchase it, but not all would use enough energy to make it worthwhile.

Bob Jones asked about the assessed value of the solar field compared to the value of the land in its current state. Hans stated that he did not have that information.

Resident Ernie Souther asked how this will affect property values in the area. Hans stated that the solar field is a good neighbor as it does not make noise, but was not sure of the correct answer.

Resident Judy Cote asked if the solar panels can leak hazardous materials. Hans stated that they do not contain hazardous material or liquids.

Resident Richard Cote asked if any herbicides are used. Hans stated that they art not usually used, mowing is preferred.

Tim Fournier asked if a condition can be placed on the project to prohibit herbicide use. Rob Overton stated that they could.