

Gardiner ECC Regular Meeting 2/28/2017

Present: Eric Savelson-Chair, Roberta Clements, Rick Irizarry, Tanya Marquette, John Sansalone

ES motion to approve minutes of 1/24/17, seconded by RC, - All Members have not had a chance to review minutes. They will be redistributed and submitted for approval at a later date.

Solar Law Committee: Roberta Clements, Law is in Final Draft . Roberta Clements sat in with the Town Board to review the Attorney's initial comments. The town made some changes and is returning the Draft Law to the Attorney and anticipates releasing it for public comment sometime this spring.

JS-The net metering laws are being amended and up for review.

Discussion re: should ECC set up a presenter for the town board re net metering. ECC could generate a response to the public comment for the Town Boards Review indicating possible opposition to changes in the current law.

-ES makes a motion for ECC to draft a comment letter to the Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding opposition to changes in the net metering billing process. RC seconded the Motion. All in favor. JS and RI will create a draft letter for ECC review.

Albany Post Road: Neighbor DS remains concerned about activities on the land. ACOE is monitoring the remediation plan and implementation. JS noted large equipment has arrived and some culvert work has begun.

Planning Board Liaison: Eric Savelson, Shaft Road and Sheldon Road

Sheldon Road - E.S. Revised comments of the ECC were submitted to the Planning Board. The public hearing was opened. Remediation effects are extensive and expensive. Re-Planting plan is not clear. ECC debated on the expiration date of site plan. Planning Board indicated this is not an issue.

-ECC recommends developing a policy position paper related to this issue of site plan expirations. JS will work on a draft policy paper related to site plans and subdivisions.

Shaft Road - E.S. Public Hearing will be re-opened in the future, new information has been received.

ES requested the new documents from the Planning Board. Discussion about the easement implementation occurred. New maps are available. ECC may submit a letter to the Editor indicating its position. ECC discussed publishing its comments on the town website.

WRPA Subcommittee Report: Wetlands law, status: No report

Town Board: DD of town board contacted ES regarding Trees for Tribs grants, perhaps to plant along the Wallkill on the town owned land by Steve's Lane/Transfer Station.

TM will look into this and report back.

Ulster County EMC: John Sansalone, Net metering discussion (see above),

Question re continuing education requirements and enforcement. (Regarding Town Supervisors request for training experiences of the members of the ECC. The requirement is 4 hours per year.) County Planning Department may have more insight into this. ES contacted Angela Sisson who could do an orientation about GIS and has referrals to other presenters who could provide more in-depth inservice training on GIS mapping and could offer to Planning Board as well.

Discussion of Mission of ECC: from above:

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Next Meeting Date: Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 5:30 @ Town Hall

Motion to Adjourn: John Sansalone, Second: Eric Savelson

Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:35