

Gallatin Planning Board
667 CR 7, Gallatin NY 12567
Meeting Minutes

ACCEPTED
September 28, 2020

Attending: Chairman Terry Porter, Bruce Humphries, Kimberly Yambrick, Councilman Fraser Patterson, Glen Butash, Greta & Doug Passeri

Absent: Larry Brody and Michael L. Porter

Chairman Porter called the September 2020 GPB meeting to order at 7:00pm

Terry opened a public hearing for Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for a freestanding solar array on the property of Shawn and Emily Fox, tax parcel #195.-00-1-79 and #195.-1-66.2, 531 County Route 11, in the Town of Gallatin. The applicants were represented by Greta & Doug Passeri of Hudson Valley Wind & Solar, LLC. A letter authorizing them to represent the applicants is included in the application package. Also included in the application package are maps indicating the location of the solar array on tax parcel #195.-00-1-79 and the residence location on tax parcel #195.-1-66.2 along with State regulated wetlands on the properties. A DEC permit is included as the array will be located within the wetlands buffer zone. A draft easement is included to be added to the deeds addressing that the solar array will be constructed on parcel #195.-00-1-79 to serve the residence on parcel #195.-1-66.2. Short form EAF was received along with the application for Special Use Permit and the deeds. Receipts from certified mailings to the neighboring properties within 200 feet were received. The application was referred to the Columbia County Planning Board as per NYS General Municipal Law 239-1 & 239-m, but the referral was not received in time to be on this month's agenda.

Terry asked for public comment. Mr. Glen Butash, a neighbor, spoke. He was initially concerned by the proposed location for the array, but has come to the conclusion that the proposed location is the best spot for them. He supports locating the array as proposed.

Terry made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Bruce 2nd, All were in favor.

Terry made a motion to answer all questions on Part 2 of the SEAF in the negative and to conditionally approve the site plan and grant Special Use Permit, pending recommendation from the Columbia County Planning Board. Bruce 2nd

Roll call vote:

Terry - Aye

Bruce – Aye

Kimberly - aye

Draft Minutes from the July 27, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Terry made a motion to accept the minutes. Kim 2nd. All were in favor

Draft minutes from August 24, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Terry made a motion to accept the minutes. Bruce 2nd. All were in favor

With no other business to discuss, Terry made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Kim 2nd. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Porter, Chairman