

# Palmer Planning Board

## Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2015

### **I Call to order**

Chairman Michael Marciniac called the meeting to order at 7:00PM on Monday, July 20, 2015 in the Planning Department office. Present were members Norman Czech, Kathleen Burns, Thomas Skowyra and Andrew Golas. Also present was Town Planner, Linda Leduc, and Nicole Parker, recording minutes.

### **II New Business**

#### Public Hearing

Syncarpha Solar, Landfill

N.Parker read public hearing notice. It was noted that A.Golas was involved in the Town process, recusing himself of this project hearing.

Present representing applicant was Brian Kopperl of Syncarpha Solar and Brian Huntley of Tighe & Bond.

Revised drawings and response comments were submitted to the Board by Mr. Huntley. Mr. Kopperl introduced project, depicting various limits of capped areas.. The site is a closed and capped solid waste Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved landfill. The entire site is approximately 36 acres, with the landfill covering approximately 19 acres. The project plans to utilize 27 acres of the site.

Access will be through the existing gate with a proposed gravel access road along the front of the property.

There will be 4 equipment pads, housing inverter, transformer, and switch gear (DC-AC)

Per DEP, additional tracking pads during construction are required. Two 6" crushed stone drives along the ridge line or perpendicular to slope. There will be no impact where the arrays will be built over.

It was explained that there are essentially two systems. Ballasts will run over capped areas. All wiring and cable in conduits will remain above ground. The land off of the landfill will be ground screwed

panels. It was stated that the goal is to maximize the accessibility while minimizing obstruction. It was also stated that a weed whacker and a push behind mower will be used for maintaining the property.

Mr. Huntley stated that very limited erosion on site and any will be documented and repaired by developer.

John Furman, of Vanasse, Hangin, & Brustlin,(VHB) went over his review dated 7/16/2015.

There has been no response back from National Heritage Endangered Species Protection (NHESP) as of yet.

There were three Site Plan waivers requested and supported by VHB.

It was stated that the Operation and Maintenance Agreement should reflect Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) quarterly inspections already in place. It was also noted that catch basins are not included in DEP quarterly inspections.

A condition of Approval was to be that a site visit occur before trees are cut, as will be a narrative from Syncarpha describing who is to receive the quarterly reports from DEP and explain their requirements. This will satisfy the reasons for the Inapplicability of Stormwater Permit.

Waivers requested:

1. 171.29D 4. (h) (1) Landscape Plan
2. Performance of Survey of USGS MSC Datum
3. 171.29D 4 (d) [4] Estimated Peak Hour Traffic Volume

A motion was made to grant three waivers by N.Czech. Seconded by K.Burns. Motion passed (4:0:1) Golas

A motion was made to grant Site Plan Approval by N.Czech. Seconded by T.Skowyra. Motion passed (4:0:1) Golas

A Motion was made to grant Inapplicability to Stormwater Permit by N.Czech. Seconded by T.Skowyra. Motion passed (4:0:1) Golas

#### Knox Pond Construction Report #93

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt of report by A.Golas. Seconded by T.Skowyra./ Motion passed (5:0)

#### Peterson Road extension request

A letter was sent in by Chris Clark of Nexamp dated July 1, 2015 requesting a one year extension of their site plan approval due to finance restraints.

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the letter, and approve the request by T.Skowyra. Seconded by A.Golas. Motion passed (5:0)

SANR Fijal, Rondeau Rd

Motion was made to grant request by N.Czech. Seconded by K.Burns. Motion passed (5:0)

### **III Town Planner Update**

Town Planner, L.Leduc handed out information on the receiving of \$211,000.00 from a Green Community Grant.

L.Leduc also dispersed correspondence from Building Inspector, Bonnie Weeks regarding cell tower antennae

L.Leduc dispersed information regarding a proposed H2772 Public Records Bill for the Board's information.

### **IV Adjournment**

Next meeting date was set for August 10, 2015

Motion was made to adjourn by T.Skowyra. Seconded by A.Golas. Motion passed (5:0)

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Andrew M. Golas, Clerk