

Palmer Planning Board  
Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 7th, 2021

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Michael Marciniac called the meeting to order at 7:08PM on Monday, June 7th, 2021, in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Present were members Kathy Burns, and Jeff Florence. Tom Skowrya was absent. Norm Czech arrived late. Also present were John Furman, of vhb, Town Planner Linda Leduc, and her Administrative Assistant Rebekah Wright recording minutes.

**II. Public Hearings: None**

**III. Minor Amendments:**

**BlueWave Solar- BWC Swift River, LLC-3090 Palmer St** -re: Revised Solar Panel Location

**IV. New Business:**

- Meeting Minutes: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Abutting Town Notices
- Interest Allocation Report
- First Interim Gravel Reports

**V. Old Business:**

- Master Plan Update

**Minutes: 5/24/21**

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by J. Florence, seconded by K. Burns. The motion passed (3:0)

**Abutting Town Notices/ Interest Allocation Reports:**

There were none to distribute to the board.

**Master Plan Update:**

L. Leduc explained to the board that the town wide survey is now closed. Right now she is reviewing the final chapters and going over the implementation matrix, which will be sent to respective boards/ committees.

**N. Czech arrives at 7:16pm.**

**BlueWave Solar- BWC Swift River, LLC-3090 Palmer St** Present on behalf of BWC Swift River were Jackie Firsty, Director of Project Development -BlueWave Solar and Kevin McGarry, Project Manager, Fuss & O'Neill. Also present was John Furman of vhb.

J. Firsty went over project scope and stated that they are actually downsizing the system size. They are repermitting with Conservation Commission.

M. Marciniak asked if the wetlands will need to be restored.

J. Firsi stated no because the project is outside of that area and they will not be touching wetlands.

J. Furman of vhb, went over his memo dated 6/2/21. He stated that the biggest change besides panel location is the culvert. The site has nothing to do with the culvert. The increasing capacity is due to the upstream upgrade.

He also stated his only major comment is to confirm the size of the system.

K. McGarry stated that they no longer put megawatts in plan sets because technology is constantly evolving and getting more and more efficient.

J. Furman stated that the location of the interconnect got moved down. It will be from the pole nearest the pump house, then go underground to the pole over the road then back underground.

M. Marciniak asked if the acreage of wetlands was recalculated.

J. Furman stated that no it wasn't recalculated.

It was then stated that prior to the preconstruction meeting, the board will need to be provided a sheet containing a chart with updated acreage calculations.

A motion to approve the minor amendment was made by N. Czech and seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed (4:0).

#### First Interim Gravel Reports:

John Furman of vhb presented the 4 gravel inspection memos to the Board. He went over each memo and outlined the pertinent points:

JJC- The brown area in the photo was where paper sludge was put down, which hasn't greened up yet. The invasives are continuing to grow. The autumn Olive has been getting pulled and left to dry but the Garlic Mustard needs to get taken care of. A program needs to be initiated to treat.

RDL- They have provided an invoice for the treatment of the Japanese Knotweed, but it has since already started growing back. While out on inspection with M. Marciniak, they viewed a dump truck dump gravel on site which contained gravel from demolition, which is not allowed under the conditions of the permit. A formal correspondence will go out to operator stating there is to be no outside material stored on site.

Palmer Paving- Ware Rd - J. Furman stated this site has been under great management. It continues to be worked and there are no invasives on site. There was noticeable Gypsy Moth damage to trees on property.

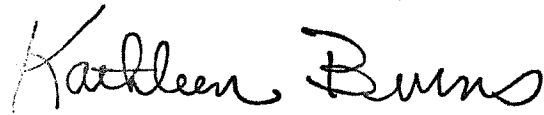
JT Brown- J. Furman stated that the old area was graded and stabilized. The wells were measured and they were all dry. The operator has been contacted by a local farmer to use the area to farm.

The board acknowledged receipt of the gravel reports during the previous meeting.

**Next Meeting Date: 6/21/21**

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm was made by N. Czech seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed (4:0)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Burns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'B'.

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Kathleen Burns, Clerk

