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Phillip Schneider, Chair
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MINUTES OF THE HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Approved 6/27/18

Board Members: Phillip Schneider
Judge Robert Howarth
John Matthews
Richard Green

Adm. Assistant: Joanne Fiore, Adm. Assistant

General:

Call to Order – Phillip Schneider called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:08 PM.
Mail
Bills – Payroll Signed
Minutes Approved -

1) 227 Mill Road – Submission of Interconnection Plan – Amendment to Special Permit

Phillip Schneider read the May 22, 2018 letter from Eversource regarding the Proposed Interconnection Detail. The on-site interconnection facilities would include seven pieces of pad-mounted equipment within the site's existing chain link fence. The pad-mounted equipment would be connected via an underground conduit to a rise pole along Mill Road, with location and height to be determined by National Grid. (Exhibit A).

John Matthews thanked Eversource for their consideration. John stated the Board received several letters and Mr. Davenport isn't here. John stated the Board does not take into consideration how much money the applicant makes. He stated the Board takes into consideration the bylaw, the town and the applicant. The Board tries to get the cooperation between Eversource and the town taking into consideration both the applicant and the town's wishes. The Board asked Eversource if they could provide an underground interconnection, and they came through with a plan. John Matthews stated what happens in this hearing has no bearing on future solar hearings.

Phillip Schneider stated they have received letters/e-mails from town residents in opposition of above-ground poles which will be in the files. Those received are from the following:

Donna Muska
Donald Davenport
Nancy Zebert
Dave Turcotte
Susan Bisson
Kellsey Phillips
Keith Minoff – Provided a "Memorandum of the Abutters, Susan J. Alston and Thomas L. Millette, in Opposition to Amendment or Modification of Special Permit.

Atty. Minoff asked several questions to get himself up-to-date on this matter.

John Matthews discussed the proposed decorative white fence. He said it can be a maintenance issue and doesn't want to impose additional costs on the next solar array. John Matthews stated they will leave that as an option for Eversource, and the Board was in agreement.

Dan Perry, 5 Grist Mill Lane, speaking on behalf of Susan Alston and Thomas Millette, stated it was their understanding that the decorative white fence would be there. John Matthews stated she got the underground interconnection (pad mount). Mr. Perry also stated he appreciates the support of the Planning Board and also of Eversource's work on this project.

Richard Green recognized John Matthews for all his work on the interconnection plan

Richard Green made a motion to approve the interconnection plan as submitted. John Matthews seconded this motion. All in favor so approved. (4-0).

Judge Howarth stated there are many comments on Facebook and feels a little more respect should be give to those who give their time for the Town.

2) ANR – Parcel ID 15-039-000 Owned by Boulder Hill Development, LLC

Don Frydryk of Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, Land Surveying and Engineering of 3 Converse Street, Suite 203, Palmer, MA presented ANR plans for property owned by Boulder Hill Development, LLC, 351 Lower Hampden Road, Monson, MA. These Plans reflect Parcel E in Hampden to become an integral part of adjoining land of Lawrence & Ruth Lytwyn and not intended to be a building lot by itself. Monson has signed the mylar, and he is here for Hampden to approve this ANR for their land in Hampden. Richard Green made a motion to approve the ANR as submitted by the Town of Monson, Sherman & Frydryk on their behalf, splitting Parcel E on St. Germain Road in Hampden, Book 2624, Page 599. Judge Howarth seconded the motion. All in favor so approved (4-0).

Richard Green made a motion to suspend the Regular Meeting. John Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor so approved.

Judge Howarth made a motion to re-open the Regular Meeting. John Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor so approved.

Other Business

Having no further business, Judge Howarth made a motion to adjourn. Richard Green seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

cc: Assessor's Office
Building Dept.
Conservation Commission
Highway Dept.
Moderator
Selectmen
Zoning Board of Appeals
Office Files

Submitted by: Joanne Fiore, Adm. Assistant