

October 5, 2015, Town of Manheim Planning Board Meeting

Members Present: Carl Stallman, Robyn Cadwell, Bill Timmerman, Sharon Baisley,
David Corbett

Others Present: Bridget Cuddihy and Andres Rivera from Monolith, and Bob Peters

Chairman Stallman called the meeting to order at 7:45pm, roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited. He introduced new board member David Corbett who is replacing Scott Stowell.

A Motion was made by Sharon Baisley and was seconded by Bill Timmerman to re-appoint Carl Stallman as chairman of the planning board. Ayes All

A Motion was made by Robyn Cadwell and was seconded by Sharon Baisley to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 board meeting. Ayes All

The clerk read a letter from David Kuehnle asking the boards to review the special permit application submitted by Monolith Solar to install a solar garden on property at the corner of St Rte 167 and the Barker Road.

She then read a letter from the Manheim Zoning Board of Appeals requesting that the Planning Board review the application and act as lead agency on the SEQRA, returning their findings to the Zoning Board of Appeals for action.

Bridget Cuddihy and Andres Rivera told the board a little about Monolith Solar and answered questions from the board.

Monolith Solar has been around for 7 years and were recently named #1 in NY in the Capitol District Business Review. They have similar projects in Schenectady, Hoosick Falls, and Amsterdam (2 of which are built over landfills); they do not sell their projects to investors. The estimated cost of the project will be \$900,000.00.

all panels will point south (most energy is generated May-October)

there will be no leveling of the site; it would be built on the existing slope

gravel would be brought in for under the panels

local contractors would be hired for mowing

Carl asked about the snow building up between the panels after it slides off them.

Andres said it doesn't create problems because it melts quickly.

Robyn asked about their experience and qualifications and if the employees were certified to maintain the panels.

Andres will send copies of resumes for the principle partners, as well as an aerial view of the project, a new plot plan showing the driveway will be on the Barker Road not Rte 167, and a signed decommission clause.

The board will hold a workshop on October 19th to complete the SEQRA.

A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:50pm by Sharon Baisley with a second by Robyn Cadwell. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted