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Acushnet Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes for April 20, 2023

Open: 6:35pm
Adjourn: 8:48pm

Present: Mark Francois, Chairman
Rick Ellis, Vice Chairman
Bryan Deschamps, Member
Dave Davignon, Member
Steve Boucher, Member

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Issue: The Chairman welcomes those in attendance and makes the media notification

Issue: A motion is made to open the Planning Board meeting.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: R. Ellis
Vote was 5-0

Issue: The Chairman asks the Board Members to introduce themselves

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023.
So moved: D. Davignon
Second: R. Ellis
Vote was 5-0

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023.
So moved: S. Boucher
Second: D. Davignon
Vote was 5-0

Issue: **DISCUSSION/OTHER TOPICS:**

- a) **Nexamp Solar Project at Cushing Lane** (White's Farm Inc., Applicant)
Plan revised for construction dated April 13, 2023. Finalize Decommission Bond.
- b) **Nexamp Solar Project at Robinson Road** (Robinson Road Solar, LLC, Applicant)
Plan revised for construction dated April 13, 2023. Finalize Decommission Bond.
- c) **Nexamp Solar Project at 1050 Main Street** (Acushnet Solar LLC, Applicant)
Plan revised for construction dated April 13, 2023. Finalize Decommission Bond.
- d) **Nexamp Solar Project at 1052 Main Street** (Woodbridge Renewals LLC, Applicant)
Plan revised for construction dated April 13, 2023. Finalize Decommission Bond.

The Chairman notes that Patrick Hannon, Conservation Commission & Stormwater Agent and Andrew Bobola, Building Inspector are present via Zoom. Jack Curry from Nexamp is here to present the Revisions for Construction and Decommissioning Agreements. Jack C. provides an overview of the Plans. Jack C. notes that the fire access roads and widths were reviewed with the Town Fire Chief and those were revised to incorporate the Fire access needs. Nathaniel Bautz from the Beals & Thomas Engineering firm was present to review the plan details. Detailed discussion ensued between the Proponent and the Board. John Markey, Attorney on behalf of Nexamp is present and wishes to consolidate the various requirements of these projects and revisions so that all details become straightforward for the next meeting. The Board agreed to come up with a list that addresses all of their concerns.

Issue: A motion is made to request that the Proponent to provide a conceptual plan to install a proper Drain line at the construction entrance on the 1050 Main Street project.

So moved: R. Ellis

Second: D. Davignon

Vote was 5-0

Issue: The Chairman summarized the Board's requests for plan revisions as follows:

- a) For fire access, all four projects need gravel roads all around
- b) All four projects need sequence of construction phases
- c) All four projects need access roads in place before any land clearing activities
- d) On the 1050 Main Street project, need conceptual plan for the entrance with proper drainage
- e) Additional screening is needed on the 1052 Main Street & Robinson Road projects
- f) The Cushing Lane project needs to show the build-out of the road

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Decommissioning Agreement for the Nexamp Cushing Lane project subject to execution by the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 5-0

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Decommissioning Agreement for the Nexamp Robinson Road project subject to execution by the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 5-0

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Decommissioning Agreement for the Nexamp 1050 Main Street project subject to execution by the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 5-0

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Decommissioning Agreement for the Nexamp 1052 Main Street project subject to execution by the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: R. Ellis

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e) Navisun Solar Project at 355 Main Street-Review of Plantings/Screening

The Board reviewed the site plan screening/plantings which include a chain link fence around the perimeter of the property as well as a 7-foot white vinyl fence for additional screening. The Board agrees that on paper the screenings look adequate, however, they have requested that the Building Inspector review and approve the screenings before an occupancy permit/connection to the grid is issued.

f) CVE North America Solar Project at 88 Wing Lane-Review of Plantings/Screenings

The Chairman notes that there is a Cash Surety in place for plantings/screening for this project. Several Board members have gone by the site and the plantings are not grown to the level as provided on the screening plan

Issue: A motion is made to send the proponent an e-mail to explain their plan for addressing the project screening/plantings and invite them to the next meeting to explain their plan.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 5-0

Issue: A motion is made to adjourn the meeting.

So moved: S. Boucher

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 5-0

Respectively submitted,


Paul Sullivan
Administrative Assistant

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Date


Mark Francois, Chairman

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Date