

TOWN OF TIOGA PLANNING BOARD

Regular Meeting – August 1st, 2023

The August 1, 2023 Town of Tioga Planning Board meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm. Present were Kerry Root, Camille Corneby, Alan Bill, Miranda Fisher with Chairman Doug Chrzanowski presiding.

Also present was Robert Strong, Michael & Sheryl Head, Ralph & Angela Lurcock, Patricia Ellis, Richard Gumble, Brittany Woodburn, Lynn Dowling, Peter & Margaret Barillaro, Jim Ross, Steve & Linda Persons, Andrea Williams, Kelly Sullivan from Bergmann Architect and Peter Dolgos from Delaware River Solar.

Mr. Bill made the motion to approve the June 6th, 2023 Planning Board minutes as presented, Ms. Corneby seconded, carried.

Mr. Root made the motion to approve the Barillaro variance request located at 43 Estates Dr, tax #128-2-3 and 128-2-4 for road frontage requirements, Mr. Bill seconded, carried.

NY-Tioga IV Solar (Ballou Rd)

Kelly Sullivan from Bergmann Architect and Peter Dolgos from Delaware River Solar presented and discussed their revised proposed plan for the Ballou Rd solar farm.

- Reduced north and northwest setbacks to 25'
- Moved the inverter pad farther north
- Rich Winter, DRS CEO met with six of the surrounding landowners on June 28th to discuss their proposed requests.

The residents voiced some concerns that DRS will address at the Public Hearing that will be held at 7:15pm on September 5th, 2023. Some of the technical concerns that will be addressed at the September Public Hearing are the following:

- What is the required well head distance from the panels
- What are the possible contaminates from fire or hail damage to the panels and the potential of well contamination from the panel damage
- Will there be internet connectivity issues due to EMF waves

Mr. Bill made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed NY-Tioga IV solar farm project on September 5, 2023 at 7:15pm at the Planning Board meeting, Mr. Root seconded, carried.

Abandonment of Ayres Rd was discussed.

Mr. Root made the motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, Ms. Corneby seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk