

FARMINGTON PLANNING BOARD
153 Farmington Falls Road
September 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Planning Board members present: Clayton King, Lloyd Smith, Gloria McGraw, Jeff Wright; Mike Otley and Judith Murphy.

Alternate members present: Michael MacNeil.

Members unable to attend: Craig Jordan.

Others present: Town Manager, Christian Waller; Code Assistant, Kate Foster; Dana Valleau and Jessica Murray from TRC, representing Farmington Solar.

Mr. King opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Designate alternate members, if needed

Mr. King designated Michael MacNeil as a voting member.

2. Review minutes of August 9, 2021

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of August 9, 2021 as written.
Mrs. McGraw seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7 – Affirmative
Motion carried.

3. 18-SR-11, 18-SS-09, 19-SR-17, 19-SS-09
Farmington Solar & Switchyard
Along Farmington Falls Road / Route 2/27
Minor modifications to the applications
Continued from 7-12-21 meeting

Mr. King introduced the applications.

Mr. Wright made a motion to continue the review of the modifications.
Mr. King seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7 – Affirmative
Motion carried.

Dana Valleau of TRC introduced himself as the representative of Farmington Solar and NextEra. He stated in the last meeting there was discussion to remove some of the vegetative screening behind the York farm, but the Board requested that any removed should be replaced in another area, and they were able to find a place by the neighboring property

where the church is to the east.

Mrs. McGraw stated her disappointment with the buffers and fencing.

Discussion followed about the size, type and growth of the buffers.

Ms. Murphy added that the deer like these types of trees.

Mr. Valleau stated they are going to observe the growth of the trees and see what works and what will need replacement over the next year.

Mrs. McGraw asked about the status of the roads that the construction company is going to fix.

Mr. Valleau replied today Site Manager, Steve George looked at all the roads with Public Works Director, Phil Hutchins and he will be providing a calendar of when the roads would be fixed.

Mrs. McGraw asked if the project would still be completed this fall.

Jessica Murray of TRC responded by stating they have already started moving trailers out and the project will be done by fall.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the modifications as presented.
Mr. MacNeil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7 – Affirmative
Motion carried.

Mrs. McGraw asked about the tax assessment for the solar project.

Mr. Waller stated the Town will receive roughly \$1.4 million the first year.

Discussion continued on taxes of the project.

4. Other Business

Ms. Foster told the Board Domino's is going to be submitting an application for the October meeting to put a Domino's location on the Wilton Road.

Ms. Murphy stated she was going to the Maine Municipal Association convention on the 30th and added there is still time to sign up for one day or both if any Board member was interested.

Mr. King discussed the webinar class he attended.

There being no further discussion or updates Mr. King called for a motion.

Mr. Otley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. MacNeil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7 – Affirmative
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Foster.

Planning Board

Date