

DRAFT MINUTES

Town of Enfield, NY
Planning Board Meeting
Wednesday 12/02/2020
7pm

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Present: Board Chair Daniel Walker, Acting Board Chair Mike Carpenter, Vice Chair Henry Hansteen, Board Member Ann Chaffee, Board Member Richard Teeter, Alternate Board Member Joseph Dawson, Alternate Board Member Arron Abb, Recording Secretary Patricia Speno, Town Clerk Ellen Woods, Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter, Councilperson Robert Lynch, Acting Town Supervisor Stephanie Redmond, Dan Huntington BDM Norbut Solar Farms, John Stone PM Norbut Solar Farms.

Board Chair Dan Walker requested comments, corrections for the approval of the November 4th 2020 DRAFT MINUTES.

There was a question regarding the procedure and vote of an Acting Chair in Dan Walker's refusal to vote on Norbut Solar Farms Enfield project.

Mike Carpenter **moved** to approve November 4th 2020 Minutes
Seconded by Ann Chaffee

Vote: Board Chair Daniel Walker, Acting Board Chair Mike Carpenter, Vice Chair Henry Hansteen, Board Member Ann Chaffee, Board Member Joseph Dawson, Board Member Arron Abb

All Aye Motion carried Minutes accepted

Requested Correction to DRAFT MINUTES 11-04-2020

Appointment of Board Member Michael Carpenter to *Town of Enfield Planning Board Acting Chair* recommended by Deputy Chair Henry Hansteen with unanimous agreement of the Town of Enfield Planning Board for an undetermined time.

As recusal of Town of Enfield Planning Board Chair Daniel Walker from voting on the Norbut Solar Farms Enfield Solar Farms Project due to his professional affiliation with Labella Associates as advisors to Norbut Solar Farms for the Enfield Project.

However Board Chair Daniel Walker may facilitate meetings, and is available to assist, answering technical questions regarding Norbut Solar Farms - Enfield Solar Farms Project.

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“Therefore be it resolved Board Member Michael Carpenter will be Town of Enfield Planning Board Acting Chair for an indeterminate time in lieu Board Chair Daniel Walkers recusal to vote on matters regarding the Norbut Solar Farms Enfield Project and the Town of Enfield Planning Board.”

Resolution #2020-03**Moved****Seconded****Vote:**

- **Norbut Solar Farms – Enfield Project**

Discussion: Board Chair Daniel Walker, Acting Board Chair Mike Carpenter, Vice Chair Henry Hansteen, Board Member Ann Chaffee, Board Member Richard Teeter, Alternate Board Member Joseph Dawson, Alternate Board Member Arron Abb, Recording Secretary Patricia Speno, Town Clerk Ellen Woods, Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter, Councilperson Robert Lynch, Acting Town Supervisor Stephanie Redmond, Dan Huntington BDM Norbut Solar Farms, John Stone PM Norbut Solar Farms.

The Town of Enfield and Planning Board Members have received hard copies of site plan documents and wetland analysis for review Monday November 30, 2020 as well as digital renderings of required documentation of the Enfield project.

Acting Chair Mike Carpenter will be reviewing the materials as well as the Towns current Solar Law. His concern is that the submission is in keeping with the Enfield Solar Law drafted in 2016. And that the solar law is in keeping with typical recent submissions.

Board Vice Chair Henry Hansteen inquired about major points in Labella Associates evaluation of the project that may be important to discuss.

Dan Huntington of Norbut Solar Farms recalled the wetland delineation. There is a DEC (NYS Department of Environmental Conservation) jurisdictional wetland as well as an Army Corps of Engineer designated wetland. Building will be adjusted to requirements of the DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dan Huntington discussed road access and digging and filling restrictions. Again he pointed out the rearrangement of the 4 arrays in accordance with measurement and watts in the designated area. A slight design change to accommodate environmental priorities.

Board Chair Dan Walker mentioned he has about 60 pages of field data if anyone would like to review them he can make it available.

Dan Huntington mentioned the two wetland jurisdictions. NYS DEC and the Army Corps. Of Engineers. One point is pounded, or screwed posts for the framing of the arrays. Due to restrictions of Army Corps of Engineers Norbut Solar Farms will be using pounded posts to hold the arrays to minimize disruption of the ground. Another factor mentioned by Board Member Aaron Abb was the removal of trees.

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Norbut Solar Farms will be removing trees in diameter of approximately 4" to 6" leaving the stumps so as to maintain the soil composition. The racking sits at about 4'. The building would be right over the stumps. Pulling the stumps and filling in is disruptive to composition of the soil.

Acting Chair Mike Carpenter discusses acquisition of the property, the schedule of approvals, and noise level (re: pounding the posts), inspections

Grants require the project to be energized within 30 months, site planning, IDA, SEQR and various approvals might begin as soon as January/February 2021. Building next summer, more likely the summer of 2022 due to availability of materials and supplies. The Town of Enfield Planning Board would make an initial determination as the Lead Agency. A Public Hearing ensues and so on.

“Whereas this action is consideration of site plan approval for a 20 MWAC located at 1805 Mecklenburg Road and fronting on Applegate Road where the interconnection with NYSEG distribution line.

This is a Type One Action for which the town of Enfield Planning Board has approval authority.

The Planning Board on December 2, 2020 has received a long environmental assessment form, Part 1, prepared and submitted by the Applicant; site plan drawing entitled "Enfield Solar Development" prepared by Labella Associates dated November 2020.”

Now Therefore Be it Resolved.

“That the town of Enfield Planning Board hereby declares Lead Agency for purposes of environmental review.”

Acting Chair Michael Carpenter **moved** to resolution declaring the Town of Enfield Planning Board be Lead Agency for the development of Norbut Solar Farms – Applegate Road Project in the Town of Enfield, NY.

Board Member Ann Chaffee **seconded** the motion

Vote:

Board Member Henry Hansteen **Aye**. Board member Ann Chaffee **Aye**. Board Member Joseph Dawson **Aye**. Board Member Richard Teeter **Aye**. Acting Chair Michael Carpenter **Aye**. Board Member Aaron Abb **Aye**.

All Aye, Resolution #2020 -04 Carried

- **Public Hearing Norbut Solar Farms - Enfield Project
January 6, 2021 at 7:15 pm**

Board Chair Dan Walker **calls for adjournment**

Board Member Henry Hansteen **moves to adjourn**

Acting Board Chair Michael Carpenter **2nds motion to adjourn**

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Adjournment: 8:01pm