

Freedom Planning Board Meeting
5/9/23

Present: Clara, Tyler, Maryanne, Peter, Kevin
Absent: Prentice, Palmer

6:00 PM: Board visited the Curra Solar Farm

A valuable discussion of how the solar field got started and continues.

6:50 pm Meeting called to order

Presented minutes from the 4/11/23 meeting. No edits. Passed 5-0.

The board reviewed what Thomas Harms had put together for a proposed solar project on the Smithton Road. It was considered incomplete. We had a ZOOM meeting scheduled.

ZOOM Meeting with Thomas Harms and Jason Wentworth:

1. Still waiting on approval from CMP.
2. Application is on hold until CMP on size allowance
3. Jason Wentworth's company "Portable Solar". Has a number of plans depending on what gets approved. They want a 200 KW capacity, but if there is a problem they may attempt other configurations. Ie 6 separate 25 KW units.
4. One problem is there is only single phase power.
5. The area proposed would be under an acre.
6. CMP will approve 25 KW without any problems.

Tyler requested more info from them, He proposed that they put down what they would like to see in the ordinance, their result with CMP a more fleshed out application.

Next meeting we hope to have a report out on Homework:

Palmer: Will call MMA to ask about how taxes can be handled with the anticipated increases. Can the town deny solar due to the town will not be able to afford this Increase?

Would taxpayers have to certify this outcome before the fact?

Prentice: is working on the fencing issue.

It was suggested that we visit the local project to see and ask the owner questions. Prentice will call and see if we can visit soon. He will let us know.

It was suggested that we take pictures of sample fences. It was determined that the description is vague and confusing. Pictures could clear up this idea.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM