

Minutes of October 5 ECC meeting

Present: Craig Dennis, Martha Viglietta, Kathy Bertuch, Adam Scalisi, Phil George, Pam O'Malley, Stan Gorman, Paulie Drexler

September minutes were approved.

Updates: Phil reminded the committee of fulfilling the Harassment training.

No new business.

Continuing business:

PIVOT project: Sweet Rd. Tier 3. The Planning board affirmed the project, and it was on the docket for the next Town Board meeting.

Changes to the plan included: impact on prime farmland was lessened by 6.4 acres; ag easement for prime farmland was set aside; screening was revised to adding native species and doubling the vegetation around the residence; professional landscape architecture firm to execute this; access road was moved; chain link fence to be 8' tall.

Question was raised as to decommissioning plan. There are valid concerns over recycling of components. The town cannot be responsible for disposal. A need was expressed to revisit the original comments, and see if this issue has been addressed.

GIS Mapping Pam O'Malley presented her findings on GIS mapping criteria to help us identify one or more parcels for solar farms, without significant community objection. The ESF GIS department has a class to assist us during the spring 2024 semester. A lengthy discussion of criteria followed, and the following parameters were listed:

1. Parcel size. Solar overlay document has a minimum of 10 acres, so a 5A array is the smallest.
2. Ag soils, max of 50% Prime, Unique or Statewide importance
3. Wetlands (mitigation, buffer zones)
4. Slopes (0-15%, and 15%+) and Aspect (N, S, E, W)
5. Floodplains
6. Population – perhaps covered by the overlay code? Tier 3 is not permitted in zoning districts R, R-40, HC and HR. Setbacks in the overlay provide for 100 ft in commercial and 200 ft in HR or single residences
7. View shed? - a very subjective concern.
8. Bodies of Water
9. Topography
10. Land cover
11. Roads
12. Remediation sites

Short term rentals: no new information

Earth Day: Martha is meeting with BR Way concerning parking. Vendor list is being assembled (Audubon will be a new one). John Harrington previously said he'd contact science classes. P. Drexler will contact

the Boy Scouts for bottle and can collections, and solicit donations from locals for the trees. Inquiries for a Food truck are also in progress. Adam will put together a poster when details are finalized.

Natural Resource Inventory Kathy has been searching out available maps for this effort, from the Onondaga County Planning Agency and other sources. The Master Plan is 20 years old, and the maps need some minor modifications. Another project for us.

Next tentative meeting November 2nd.