

**TOWN OF MANLIUS
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
March 13, 2023**

APPROVED

The Town of Manlius Planning Board hybrid meeting in-person and virtual live streaming with Chairperson Joseph Lupia presiding and the following members present: Ann Kelly, Arnie Poltenson, Richard Rossetti, Valerie Beecher, Judy Salamone and Erin Reynolds. Also, present were Attorney Tim Frateschi and Planning Board Engineer Douglas Miller.

In-Person Attendees: David Tyler

Virtual Attendees: Andy Melka

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Member Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Member Salamone and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023.

Time: 6:32 PM - Horizon Solar Power and Catalyze Energy – 33 Boston Post Road W., Suite 220, Marlborough MA 01752

Discussion – Subdivision, Site Plan and Special Use Permit

4.25 MW Solar Array – 7869 Peck Road, Kirkville, NY -Tax Map # 042.-01-32.1

Andy was present via Zoom and spoke virtually. He stated that he submitted to the Board renderings of the poles for the Solar site. They would like to still go with the pole mounted interconnect and would like some clear direction from the Board which way to proceed. Mr. Melka showed the Board a 5-slide presentation of renderings.

Member Rossetti wants to see underground poles.

Mr. Melka stated that going underground is an option but he is here trying to compromise with the Board; the underground option is expensive and would like the Board to reconsider.

Member Reynolds stated that she spoke to National Grid; they stated that there are 2 ways that are acceptable for the poles: 1. Pole mounted interconnections; 2. Pad mounted interconnections. She explained the pad mounted interconnection which is what the Board is looking for. She would also like to see pad mounted renderings instead of the poles, and better renderings of the poles, not head on and screening (native plantings) of the boxes. Mr. Melka is very familiar with pad mounted interconnections.

The Board adjourned the matter until April 10, 2023, for more information.

With there being no further business, Member Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Member Kelly and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Beeman, Clerk