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Minutes
Public Hearing (continuation)
190 Electric Avenue
March 4, 2019

Meeting Posted: Yes

Place: Town Hall, 17 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA

Time: 6:58 PM

Present: Matthew Allison, Kenneth Chenis, Tanner Cole, Paula Bertram, Adam R. Burney

The Hearing continuation was to hear and discuss an application for Site Plan Approval and Special Permit under Sections 250- 8.4. and 250-4.13. respectively of the Code of the Town of Lunenburg, MA for construction of a 2.3 MW large-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic installation at 190 Electric Avenue (Map 077, Parcel 0014). Applicant is Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851. Owner is William Depietri, Trustee of the Interim Realty Trust, 259 Turnpike Rd, Suite 100, Southborough, MA 01772.

Borrego Solar ('Borrego') was represented by Brandon Smith and Josh Farkas. Borrego is finalizing items on the technical side. March 4, 2019 GEI review letter noted all outstanding items had been addressed. Borrego asked if the Board felt there were any items that still needed to be addressed as a super-majority vote is needed for approval.

M. Allison asked how the plantings in the "selective cut area" would be managed. Borrego suggested doing a site walk with abutters prior to being issued a building permit to determine which trees (taller than 25 feet) would come down and then after the system is installed to come up with the plan of the location of the new plantings. T. Cole noted he would be willing to inventory the trees and do the site walk with Borrego and abutters. Borrego noted it would be a number of months before the site walk as Borrego is still finishing up with the utility company. K. Chenis inquired if there is any budget for supplemental tree planting. Borrego responded there is not a set amount; it is based on tree count. The Decision will include a Condition that there will be a tree warranty for one year from planting and that the plantings be located on the As Built.

P. Bertram noted #25 of GEI review letter of March 4, 2019. GEI previously suggested Borrego should attempt to reduce the number of utility poles to the minimum necessary and suggested the pole-mounted equipment be placed on poles #1 through #4 instead of #5, #7, #8, and #9. Borrego responded that poles #1 through #4 will be owned by the utility company with utility-owned equipment and #5 through #9 by the system with system-owned equipment. Borrego's goal is to have as few poles as possible, but system size can be a factor in the number of poles.

Emily Kelly, 39 Fitchview Avenue- Supports the project.

Carl Luck, 50 Sunset Lane- Suggested the plantings be guaranteed for two years/two growing seasons.

Borrego was agreeable to a two-year warranty on the plantings.

T. Cole requested a variety of evergreen plantings for the screening. Board consensus was for three different species.

K. Chenis made Motion to close the Hearing, P. Bertram Seconded, all aye.

Hearing closed 7:22 PM