

**Fryeburg Planning Board Meeting
April 28, 2020 – Town Office/Virtual**

Members in Attendance: Patrick Emery, Ed Price, Charlie Buterbaugh, Tom Rebmann - Edy Kizaki (late)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. It was determined that there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Price made a motion to approve the April 14, 2020 meeting minutes. This was seconded by Buterbaugh and passed unanimously. 3-0-1

Applications: CBW & Walden Renewable.

CBW- Dan Tepe gave an update. CBW is a hemp processor, would like to expand business to add a medical marijuana processing facility. Price made a motion to find the application complete. Buterbaugh seconded. 4-0

Emery reviewed the performance standards of section 16. Price asked what is flammable. Tepe explained food grade ethanol. Price asked about water quality protection and where will the ethanol be discharged? Dan explained ethanol is mostly used for cleaning and it evaporates. Also used for the dilution process.

Price said need to review section 17 on page 17-25, Medical use marijuana operations. Buterbaugh asked if additional license is needed. Tepe stated that there are no other licenses.

Price made a motion to approve CBW operation with the following conditions: Approve Tier 1, must provide the State of Maine Authorization to the code enforcement office prior to manufacturing, and follow section 3. Dan clarified that no license is available at this time from the state, so will provide when it come available. Price revised his motion to say that the authorization will be provided to code office once available.

Buterbaugh second. 4-0

Walden Renewable- Jack Kenworthy gives a brief description of the Solar Project. Total acres 94.1. 40 year anticipated project duration. Project anticipated to start 3rd Q of 2020.

Price asked about noise from pile driver. Dale Knapp explained there certainly is noise, but it is more of a vibration driver and not as loud as typical pile driving. Price asked how long the project will take.

Kenworthy explained 4-5 months for phase 1 for construction to be done. There could be a year break between the 2 phases. Price had concern that it will all be fenced in and it is reported that the area is a deer yard. Knapp explained the site is not mapped as a deer yard. They have been in contact with IF & W.

Price asked if anyone is looking to purchase this power directly. explained it will be Maine residential customers that would be able to sign up or the other path is called a DG Perqurment buyer program. It is to sell energy to large commercial business. Either option it would be either Maine residents or Maine business that benefit from it.

Visual impacts were discussed. Price asked if they can do a 3 D model of the project. Walden Renewable will reach out to company that does the visual part of project to see what they have so the board can see.

Buterbaugh asked about erosion control. Shredded stumps will be used. It will not be cleared all at once. It will be parts at a time, following DEP guidelines.

Buterbaugh spoke about property value impact. Steve Kackley and Melissa Hill asked if building this project how will it impacts neighboring homes and their property value. Walden Renewable does not see how it will have a huge impact on the property value. Steve Kackley is not in favor of this project being next door to him.

Kizaki spoke about wildlife impact. Walden Renewable works with Maine DEP, Biologists and Maine IF & W to make sure there are no risks.

Price asked about any problem with glare for pilots as it is close to the Airport. Walden Renewable explained there would not be issues. Rebmann made point of protecting Jockey Cap views.

Kenworthy explained there will be meaningful taxes paid from this project. For the 5 MW project they would not propose a TIF. For the larger portion of the project they would look at a tax analysis first but may look at considering a TIF.

Walden Renewable offered to send to the planning board other materials from the DEP application. Kizaki asked what happens if something gets damaged. Could a hail storm damage it? Can the public damage it? There will be a fence around the project. They are very simple facilities. They are designed for the snow and wind load. The project is remotely monitored. Property owners have been notified and public hearing was held by Walden Renewable for the DEP permit.

There was discussion on how to hold a public hearing for the Town.

Motion by Price to meet and have a site visit to be held May 19th at 6:00 pm at the end of West View Drive. Seconded by Kizaki. 5-0.

Price made a motion to have a public hearing June 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the American Legion or via zoom. Kizaki seconded. 5-0.

Public Forum: No discussion.

CEO Report: The CEO presented his report. Price asked about the violation and what kinds of animals and asked about the animal waste. CEO give explanation. Price made a motion to accept which was seconded by Rebmann. 5-0.

Other Business: Price gave a statement related to the previous meeting.

Price made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Buterbaugh. 5-0. The meeting adjourned at _8:31 PM__