

Minutes of the Brighton Planning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall in Island Pond. Attending were Jeanne Gervais, Scott Gowdy, Bill Hawkins, Mark Biron, Mike Strait, Will Veve, Victor Veve, Jim Cross and Joel Cope.

1. Jeanne called the meeting to order.
2. Will and Victor Veve from Green Lantern LLC did a presentation about their proposed 500K solar array near the gravel pit owned by Walt and Marsha Driscoll. They asked the Planning Commission if they would approve the site as a preferred site for solar development.

Green Lantern has done about 40 commercial net-metered solar development projects in Vermont. They have a P&S agreement with the Driscolls for the 87-acre parcel and hope to install panels on about 4 acres. They propose the development as a co-development for recreational use as well, accessible for outdoor recreational use, and they are willing to give the town an easement for such use. Vermont incentivizes solar development in gravel pits, but Green Lantern wants to put these panels to the east of the actual pit, because putting them in the pit would mean a great deal of costly excavation.

They hope to provide a credit of around \$4,000 to \$5,000 yearly to the Town for the Town's facilities that use about \$45,000 of electricity a year, and they expect to pay about \$10,000 a year in taxes. They stated they would pay for all the reasonable legal reviews necessary to complete the project.

What they want from the Planning Commission is a preliminary agreement that the site is a "preferred site" for renewable energy use. The Commissioners approved a motion to authorize the chair, Jeanne Gervais, to sign the agreement to designate the western portion of the parcel as a preferred site.

3. Joel gave the board an update on zoning issues, including the fact that a Notice of Violation was sent to Betty Castrogiovanni for her place on Middle Street.
4. The board also discussed the problem of dogs defecating on the sidewalk, and the suggestion was made to have plastic bags available for people to use to pick up their dog's droppings. Joel will put that on the agenda for the Selectboard's next meeting on Sep 6.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.