

**TOWN OF BARRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Keeler               Wes Miller  
Jean Depatie            Kurt Dudley  
Kirk Mathes  
Dr. George McKenna (Alt.)  
Eric Watson (Alt.) – arrived at 7:20 pm

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Stephen Harling                               Jean Peglow

Others present: Tom McCabe

Others present by phone: Patrick & Marcella Olles

Mr. Keeler appointed Dr. McKenna and Mr. Watson when he arrives to a voting position on the board for this meeting.

**I.     APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Dr. McKenna made a motion to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup> minutes with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Depatie and carried.

**II.    NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Dale-Hall had emailed Mr. Miller stating that Eagle Harbor Sand and Gravel would like to move their scale 100 feet to a new location. There will be no structure above ground. Because there will be no above ground changes, Mr. Miller said that they could go ahead and move the scale.

**III.   OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Keeler stated that Pat’s Long Bridge Repair has submitted their corrected application for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review. Discuss took place:

- The Olles’s have not purchased the property yet until they get approval from the Town

- A Special Use Permit is renewed yearly and the Olles' are aware of that. They are also aware that any changes they make at a later date, they would have to come back to the planning board for a modification
- Mrs. Dale-Hall had gone over the auto repair stipulations that are listed in our zoning with the Olles'
- There is a total of 5 acres that they will be purchasing. However they are only revitalizing whats there for their shop
- All parking will be stone
- Question 3 of part one of the SEQR should be only .5 acres and not 5 and Mr. Miller changed that. Other than that, the SEQR part one looks good.
- Will not have fuel tanks
- Sign square footage is 32

**Resolution 17-2020**

Introduced by: Kirk Mathes  
 Seconded by: George McKenna

**Whereas,** The planning board received an application from Pat's Long Bridge Repair (Patrick & Marissa Olles) located at 13299 West Lee Road, Albion (93-1-19.1) for a Site Plan Review and a Special Use Permit

**RESOLVED,** To declare a negative SEQR

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
 Mr. Miller – Aye  
 Mr. DePatie – Aye  
 Mr. Dudley – Aye  
 Mr. Mathes – Aye  
 Dr. McKenna – Aye

The resolution passed.

**Resolution 18-2020**

Introduced by: Kirk Mathes  
 Seconded by: George McKenna

**WHEREAS** the Town of Barre Planning Board has received an application for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan review for Pat's Long Bridge Repair (Patrick & Marissa Olles) located at 13299 West Lee Road, Albion to open a state-sanctioned automotive repair shop/inspection facility (93-1-19.1)

**RESOLVED,** to send the Special Use Permit to the County Planning Board

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye

Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Dr. McKenna – Aye

The resolution passed.

The AES – Baird Solar project has submitted their landscape plan digitally. Until the proposed zoning changes are complete, Mr. Keeler felt that the project is in limbo. The Town will be holding a public hearing on November 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss those changes. The proposal still needs to go to the County Planning Board and then a decision can be made. National Grid is out working on the property staking and cleaning things up. Some felt that AES is going above and beyond what is required. Dr. McKenna asked if the project will be taxed or is there a pilot? There will not be a pilot as the project size does not require a pilot. Mr. McKenna also likes the Medina solar project's landscaping.

Mr. Keeler had called and talked to Mr. Lampo at the County Planning Board on whether a public hearing should be before being submitted to County or after. He was told that it could be either way with advantages and disadvantages for it being either way. We do need to be consistent in whatever way it is done. This board has always had the hearing after coming back from County Planning Board and the board is comfortable continuing doing the public hearings after coming back from the County.

Mr. Keeler presented Clarendon's Energy Storage law which was presented at the County Planning Board meeting in September. The County Planning Board approved it. Mr. Keeler is not sure if it has been accepted by their Town Board. The Town of Alabama's was also being looked at. Some discussion took place with comments consisting of

- Same as NYSERTA
- Noise level
- Setbacks
- Tier 1 and 2 and what they are
- Size of building its being housed in
- Need to have 3-phase power
- Grid becomes battery. However, there is no incentive to make more than you can use
- What about Byron/Bergen?
- What about Orangeville? Mr. Miller will see if he can get some information from them.
- Mr. Keeler will find out about the Town of Alabama and Clarendon.

Mr. Mathes suggested that the board go and look at one if there is one locally. Most of them are in Arizona or Florida. It was questioned on when the moratorium on the energy storage systems time is up. Mrs. Preston will look into it and let the board now. Mr. McCabe and Mrs. Preston seem to think it is December.

Tiny homes were discussed. What if we change the square footage from 900 to 400? What about the safety standards such as fire and health codes, roof pitch? What does New York State say? Tiny homes are legal in Florida. Would you need to get a variance?

**Resolution 19-2020**

Introduced by: George McKenna  
Seconded by: Wes Miller

**WHEREAS** the request for tiny home regulations has been quiet

**RESOLVED**, to wait until there is interest again.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Nay  
Mr. Dudley – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Dr. McKenna – Aye  
Mr. Watson – Aye

The resolution passed.

Mr. Miller took over the chairmanship. He stated that you could not participate if you were not here for the special meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion took place regarding the recommendation to the Town Board. Dr. McKenna stated that he was just getting information on the project with his comments at the Town Board, his survey and at this board. He wants to know what we are getting out of the project and he feels there is too much bias on the Town Board and Planning Board. Dr McKenna also said that he would look into Mr. Mark’s statement of the Attorney General’s that if you portray vehemently on the opposite side you should recuse yourself. Mr. Depatie said that we are not rubber stamping the Heritage Wind project, but looking more into it. Dr. McKenna still feels that the project should go to a public vote and that we can do it. That would be the only impartial way of finding out what the public wants. There continued to be a lot of discussion on the matter.

**Resolution 20-2020**

Introduced by: Eric Watson  
Seconded by: George McKenna

**WHEREAS** the Town of Barre Planning Board has reviewed the minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup> and

**DISCUSSION:** During discussion for the vote Mr. Miller asked Dr. McKenna what his main concerns were and they were:

- Height
- Speed

- Ice throw calculations specified at the November 9<sup>th</sup> are based on the minimum following date:
  - Height of the Nacelle, the hub or generator
  - Tip height
  - Wind speed
- Public vote/referendum
  - Public has a chance to be heard at a public hearing.

**RESOLVED**, to use those minutes to give to the Town Board for our recommendation/changes to the proposed Wind Ordinance

**Amend** the main motion to put the Wind Turbines and adoption of Wind ordinance up for a vote and referendum

Introduced by: George McKenna

Seconded by: Failed to Obtain

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE (main motion):**

Mr. Miller – Aye  
 Mr. DePatie – Aye  
 Dr. McKenna – Aye  
 Mr. Watson - Aye

The resolution passed.

**VI. COMMUNICATION**

**ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

There was no meeting in October.

**VII. ADJORNMENT**

Mr. Depatie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm; seconded by Mr. Dudley and carried (7-0).

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Lee A. Preston, Clerk