

Town and Village of Elba Planning Board Minutes: April 20, 2023

Attendees: Chuck Hoover, Frank Kowalski, Bryan Gubb, Kim Ball, Mindy Stempin, and Brad Mudrzynski

Guests: Dan Coughlin, Christian Schlesinger (Forefront Power)

The meeting was called to order by C. Hoover at 7:02

Motion to accept March 2023 minutes by F. Kowalski, seconded by K. Ball. **Motion carried 6-0.**

No public present for comment.

Forefront Power- C. Schlesinger

- C. Hoover- We already provided an extension through Dec 31, 2023; however, Forefront Power is still experiencing supply chain issues.
- C. Schlesinger- Forefront is currently dealing with long lead-times and the Special Use Permit (SUP) approved by the Planning Board requires full construction completion by Dec 31, 2023, which we cannot meet. C. Hoover and town attorney suggested applying for amended SUP which will reset the expiration out 2 years. Minor updates to the plan:
 - Higher wattage panels, which means taller panels/racking and fewer modules for the 5 MW system and therefore 1.1 acre reduction in project footprint. There was a slight movement in access road.
 - Height increase will go up to 18 ft whereas the original was 10 ft.
 - Suggested we need to see new visual line of site analysis given change.
- A resolution was reviewed for establishing the Elba Planning Board as lead agency, refer the amended application to Genesee County Planning Board, and perform a public hearing on May 18, 2023 at 7:05.
- **Motion to approve resolution, as edited** by B. Gubb, second by F. Kowalski Roll call vote:
 - Aye: all
 - Nay: none
 - Abstain: B. Mudrzynski

Town Updates

- D. Coughlin presented the Town Board updates

Old Business

- **Cider Solar**- Has converted options to full leases, suggesting that the project will continue to go through despite some slowdowns.
- **BW Solar**- BW projects statewide are being sold, including the project on Route 98. Their extension is ending on May 21, 2023. The Project has been sold to Catalyst Solar. Dwight Kanyuck noted to C. Hoover prior to the night's board meeting that they will have to apply for an amended Special Use Permit, which will reset the permit timeline. They plan to have it fully constructed by the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 by B. Mudrzynski, seconded by B. Gubb. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Mudrzynski

The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2023 at the Elba Town Hall