

TOWN OF BATAVIA PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman Kathleen Jasinski, Members Paul McCullough, Gordon Offhaus,
Don Partridge, Lou Paganello, Jonathan Long and Jeremy Liles

ALSO ATTENDING: ZEO Bruce Gerould, Secretary Sharon White,
Town Engineer Steve Mountain, Barb Toal, John Marabella,
Gregory Scholand, Attorney for SunEdison and Howard Owens
From The Batavian

ABSENT: Member Paul Marchese

Alternate member will be voting tonight due to the absence of one (1) member.

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2015 MEETING

Gordon Offhaus made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Jonathan Long. Vote unanimous for approval.

BARBARA TOAL – SOUTH MAIN ST RD – LAND SEPARATION/PARCEL MERGE

An application was presented to obtain approval to separate a parcel of land and it will be merged with the John Marabella property. Lou Paganello made a motion to approve the land separation/parcel merge. Seconded by Jeremy Liles. Vote unanimous for approval.

SUNEDISON –8169 BANK ST RD – SOLAR FARM

Attorney Gregory Scholand from Harter, Secrest and Emery LLP of Buffalo appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed wind farm that SunEdison would like to erect at 8169 Bank St Rd (south of the NYS Thruway). The parcel is ninety three (93) acres but the wind farm would only be on fifteen (15) acres. The solar panels would be angled south and would be seven (7) to nine (9) feet above ground. There would be no noise, odor or glare. They would be connected to the National Grid local power grid. The power produced would be approx. two (2) mega watts. SunEdison will be requesting to become part of the NYS Sun Initiative Program, which is a tax incentive program. The farm would be self-maintaining – no jobs would be created. There is a thirty (30) year life span on the panels. A decommissioning bond would be part of the agreement with the landowner as to who would be responsible for returning the property to its original state if the panels were not needed anymore. They propose to lease the land from the owner but Sun-Edison would own the equipment. Wind farms are new to the Board members and are not in our town code. The members would like to have some training on this issue possibly with Felipe from Genesee County Planning before any further discussion takes place with this proposal. Chairman Jasinski will check into what training maybe available.

EAST PEMBROKE FIRE DEPT – BARRETT DRIVE – NEW FIRE HALL

Don Partridge made a motion that the Batavia Town Planning Board has no objection to the East Pembroke Fire Dept being lead agency for this project. Seconded by Jonathan Long. Vote unanimous for approval.

ELLCOTT TRAIL PROJECT

This involves the construction of a 4.6-mile long pedestrian trail beginning at route 33 traveling thru the City on various roads and abandoned railroads and ending at Seven Springs Rd. Paul McCullough made a motion that the Town Planning Board has no objection to the Town Board being lead agency for this project. Seconded by Jonathan Long. Vote was six (6) yes and one (1) no by Lou Paganello. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Jasinski will be meeting with the Town Board on August 26th to discuss the 2016 Planning Board budget.

Gordon Offhaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Seconded by Jonathan Long. Vote unanimous for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Jasinski
Chairman

Sharon White
Secretary