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Townshend Planning Commission

Minutes

June 24, 2015

Present: Art Monette; Stan Holt, John Evans; Bob DeSiervo

In Attendance: Rick Hege; Phillip Trevorrow, Craig Hunt

1. **Call to Order:** Monette called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.
2. **Members of the Public:** Rick Hege and Phillip Trevorrow were welcomed and Hege summarized a letter written to the Planning Commission regarding a proposal by SOVEREN Solar, (d.b.a. Plumb Road Community Solar) to install a 150kW solar facility on the corner of Plumb Road and Vermont Route 30.

Monette then acknowledged receipt of the application to the Public Service Board by Plumb Road Community Solar, sent to the Planning Commission, but commented that a mere two weeks to respond with comments was insufficient.

Hege urged the Planning Commission to file a Motion to Intervene with the Public Service Board to better ensure party status for the Town, since in many cases, commentary from local officials concerned about similar projects appeared to be ignored by the P.S.B.

Lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the proposed locations of solar panels in the lot along the scenic Route 30 corridor. And question arose as to whether an amended Act 250 Permit would be required for construction and whether the Windham Regional Commission had reviewed the project.

Hege and Trevorrow left at 8:30 and Commissioners requested that Hunt invite Peter Thurrell, owner of SOVEREN Solar, to a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission scheduled for July 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., to further consider discuss this matter.

3. **Approval of the Minutes:** None at this time.
4. **Other Business:** None at this time
5. **Adjournment:** Holt made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt