

Newport Planning Board Agenda

October 28, 2020

Wednesday at 6:00 PM

Present: F. Harding, Jr, D. Ferrell, G. Phelps, D. Seamans,

Not Present: Kerry Carsley

1. Call to order and Flag Salute

2. Approval of minutes of July 24, 2019

Motion on the floor to approve minutes by D. Seamans, seconded by G. Phelps, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

3. Old Business—None

4. New Business:

a. Robert Berg Auto Repair Shop

This business is in the former Newport General Rental building. They will be changing oil and doing tires. The entire business will be done inside. The only vehicles outside will be the ones that are dropped off and picked up. No sales of vehicles will be done there. Applicant also assured board members that there would be no outside storage of tires. Motion on the floor by G. Phelps to accept the business, seconded by D. Seamans, no further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. TPE ME NE05 LLC Solar Farm Ridge Road

Proposal of a new Solar Farm on the Seth Bradstreet farm. He is the owner of the property that they would like to get the building permit for. It would be located on the west side of Ridge Rd. on 19.93 acres, and it would be 55 feet off the road. The company represented are only seeking a permit and are not the contractor. They stated they obtain permits under a separate LLC and then sell the LLC to the contractor. Board questioned the legality of buying permits and the ensuing responsibilities that may occur as a result. Discussion regarding decommissioning Bond/surety will be a condition of the building permit.

The Town Manager will call the Town's Attorney to have him attend a meeting on November 12th. He will be consulted on how the process will need to take place and the wording needed for the permit. There needs to be clarification on the type of permit that need to be done. The ruling on the permit will need to be tabled. D. Seamans made a motion on the floor to do so, seconded by G. Phelps. No further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

c. GL Investment LLC Solar Farm South Street

The Town Manager received paperwork from the applicant for the permit. This permit also needs legal advice before it is issued. John Rush was in attendance obo Greg Lovely.

5. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting by G. Phelps, Seconded by D. Ferrell, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Treasurer