

Chinook Solar Project – Meeting with Fitzwilliam Planning Board, Select Board, and Conservation Commission – January 15, 2019 – Meeting Notes by Chinook Solar, LLC

Town Officials and Board Members Present*: Debbie Favreau, Laurie Hayward, Terry Silverman, Suzanne Gray, Matt Buonomano, Ross Tourigny, Barbara Green, Paul Kotila

* Note that this does not represent a full list of meeting attendees but is a list of those known by Chinook Solar.

Project Team Members Present: Neil Watlington, Matt Singer, Desiree Estabrook, Jon Gravel, Junior Aguaze, Doug Patch, Kara Moody, Rich Jordan, Joe Persechino, Mike Buscher

The following notes are not a comprehensive documentation of the meeting but rather a summary of key points.

- Bob Ford (Fitzwilliam resident) stated that all Town residents need to be notified of presentations to be made by Chinook Solar at Town meetings.
- Bob Ford & Suzanne mentioned that other utility companies have done a lot of damage to Fitzwilliam in the past, and the Town needs experts to serve as advocates for the Town because the state agencies will not be good advocates for Fitzwilliam.
 - Neil stated SEC process would include a Counsel for the Public but NextEra would be willing to consider paying for the Town to hire experts/consultants provided the budget is reasonable.
- Rich suggested a crosswalk of the Town's site plan review process and the SEC process to identify areas of overlap and help the Town identify any areas of potential concern they believe might not be included in the SEC process.
- Bob Ford discussed noise concerns for abutters, stating that 40 decibels is far too loud compared to the existing silence.
 - Neil stated a noise analysis for the Project is underway.
- Terry stated the Town would like an agreement that the Project would not be expanded or repowered in a MOU.
- Bob Ford stated the best possible visibility of the Project would be from Gap Mountain (north peak) and Richmond Road, and also asked if the view from the Fitzwilliam Ski Slopes was considered.
 - Mike explained the various viewshed analyses that he has performed and stated that no abutters will have views of the Project.
- An unknown attendee asked for an explanation of the \$30 million in capital investment.
- Another unknown attendee asked about depreciation.

- Paul asked how percent cover was determined (as it pertains to the Town's Solar Ordinance).
 - Joe provided an explanation using the Project layout figure showing the footprint.
- Terry motioned to have the Town's attorney investigate a way for the Project to go through the Town's Site Plan Review process.
- Board members asked about decommissioning and recycling panels and requested more information on these topics.
- An unknown Board member asked for an explanation of the community partnership that was presented in the PowerPoint.
 - Desiree provided examples of NextEra's interactions with host and surrounding communities.
- The Planning Board stated they want access to all reports completed for the Project.
 - There was discussion about logistics of providing hard copies and the possibility of posting materials to the Fitzwilliam website outside of the SEC process.
- A member of the Select Board (believed to be Charles Kenison) asked what information might be addressed in a MOU.
 - Doug replied by saying MOUs often include information on decommissioning, fire safety, and construction hours.
 - An unknown attendee asked for either a draft or an example MOU so the Town can see what might be included in the MOU.
- Suzanne stated all communications with the Town should go through Laurie with Debbie copied.