

TOWN OF STAMFORD
PUBLIC HEARING
June 6, 2019
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Carol A. Fachini, Michael G. Denault, and Daniel J. Potvin.
Christopher Warren was not present.

Visitors: James Stimpson and Ralph Meima from Green Lantern Solar.
David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.
Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m., opened with the pledge of allegiance, welcomed everyone, and read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting. Nancy Bushika took a moment to honor the heroes who fought and lost their lives today so we could have the freedom to be here tonight.

The Planning Commission revised and after a public hearing, accepted the Town Plan which contains a new Chapter 10 with the state's energy standards and goals. The revised Town Plan has been turned over to the Selectboard for approval. The Selectboard can make any minor changes tonight but anything major will need to go back to the Planning Commission.

Jim Stimpson stated that the Planning Commission worked very hard, for over a year, on the revisions. Nancy Bushika noted that the changes are in line with Act 74 passed by the state. Ralph Meima from Green Lantern Solar said his company has been working in solar development for about ten years now. He told the board by accepting the new town plan, they will simplify the process very much. Towns that implement the Act 74 language have a stronger voice with the Public Utilities Commission. Nancy Bushika wanted to make sure that abutters will receive notice and be able to respond. Mr. Meima explained the process with the Public Utilities Commission. Abutters can't veto a project, but they receive a full copy of the application and can participate and have a say. Solar developments are governed by Act 248, not Act 250, but the same criteria found under Act 250 is also found in Act 248. Jim Stimpson stated that private solar panels do not require a town permit.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adopt the revised Town Plan as originally presented by the Planning Commission. SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to adjourn. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Carol A. Fachini
Clerk

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