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PLANNING BOARD MINUTES March 6, 2018 at 6:30pm

Town Hall Community Room

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: R. Scialabba-via phone remote participation, D. Brown, B. Pike, Dave Kokindo, and J. Sullivan

Absent: None

Minutes: Motion made (Brown) and seconded (Kokindo) to approve the minutes from the January meeting.

Attendees: Jim Seidl, SK Design Group, ANR Louis Allegrone, Lauren Gaherty, BRPC, Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Bob Fournier, SK Design Group, Global Construction Services
Michael Viner, 547 Peru Road, Hinsdale, Global Construction Services

Presentation: **Jim Seidl**; Jim brought an ANR before the Board for Louis Allegrone on Robinson Road. The ANR created two building lots and one parcel to be combined with Mr. Allegrone's property. All the information on the plan was correct and the Board had no issues and signed the plan.

Lauren Gaherty; Lauren came before the Board to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan, but left all her data in her office by mistake. Lauren asked if we have created any new By-laws pertaining to wetlands or flood issues. The town has created 2 new By-Laws in the past few years, one on an Overlay District to protect the drinking water supply on Belmont Reservoir and one on a Flood Plain District. Both By-laws were approved by the Attorney General's office.

Bob Fournier; Bob presented the Board with a special permit application for a large scale photovoltaic installation at 172 Peru Road. Bob was representing Michael Viner and Global Construction Services. The application is for a 0.9 Megawatt ground mounted solar field in the back portion of the "Mink Farm." Bob thoroughly discussed the application and site characteristics of the lot. The Board had a few questions on drainage, the visibility of the solar panels, and the bond portion of the By-Law. A motion was made (Kokindo) and seconded (Sullivan) and approved to recommend the Special Permit to the Select Board with the understanding of the applicant to produce a letter from a salvage company on the monetary value of the solar panels if they were to be abandoned.

Chairman: Chairman Scialabba stated that the Park Avenue Solar Solutions would not be attending today's meeting and will reschedule. The company needs to contact the Select Board and prepare plans for the site and also mentioned a site visit with the Planning Board.

Chairman Scialabba and Commissioner Sullivan discussed the BRPC information that needs to be filled out in order for Sullivan to become the town's representative on the BRPC.

Commissioners: Commissioner Kokindo discussed 2 new small scale solar projects that have been built in town without the approval of the Planning Board. The size of these projects is unknown. This discussion was tabled until next month's meeting where Chairman Scialabba can find out information from the Building Inspector on these projects and the Board members can study our Solar By-law.

BRPC: 5th Thursday Annual Dinner on March 29th.

Adjournment 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel R. Brown