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Development Review Board/Planning Commission

May 12, 2016

Present: Howard Hall, Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson, Louise Giovanella, Mary Rudd,
Jim Darragh, Chair David Raphael

Others present: Claire Tebbs, Tim Bouton

DRB

7 p.m.

Old Business

The review of April's minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

New Business

Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson has served a notice of violation of residency to Gary Norton. Chair David Raphael asked if Agricola Farms serving meals required a permit. Also if B.J.'s Farm Supply selling sandwiches requires a permit? The new fee schedule began May 1, 2016. Louise Giovanella motioned to adjourn the DRB. Howard Hall 2nd. Unanimously approved.

PC

7:14 p.m.

Old Business

The review of April's minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum. A discussion of the new fee schedule took place.

New Business

Claire Tebbs and Tim Bouton of the AGRPC attended the PC to offer guidance to the board in updating the new Town Plan. The topics addressed were; 1. statistical information in demographic sections of the plan 2. Hazardous mitigation plans to be included in the Town Plan, 3. Update the energy and utility section, 4. Recreation and tourism specifically the scenic bike way, and the

upcoming community survey via the town's web page or public meeting possibly to be done in conjunction with GMP's community input request, 5. The board will review all maps and Claire Tebbs will attend bi-monthly PC meetings as the process of updating the new Town Plan continues.

Chair David Raphael provided a summary of the status of the Green Mountain Power (GMP) Solar Project with a focus on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GMP, the developers, and the Town of Panton. While the permit for the project, referred to as a Certificate of Public Good (CPG), has, as of this date, yet to be issued by the Public Service Board (PSB), it appears as though the project will be approved. The conditions of the MOU is and the MOU itself will become part of the mitigation measures, including an extensive hedgerow of screen planting on the southern and western sides of the project's 40 acre footprint. It is understood that this mitigation measure is to be in place for the lifetime of the project. It will be up to the Town, through either the select-board or the planning commission, both parties to the proceeding, to ensure that the MOU is carried through and to see that the hedgerow is maintained as envisioned in the design over the course of the solar project's operation. Any alterations, substantive loss of plants or removals within the hedgerow and screen plantings should be noted by town officials and reported to the PSB, to make sure that the mitigation measure remains in place, as intended. The PSB has the responsibility to ensure that the conditions of the project approval remain in force over the life of the project; the town's responsibility will be to monitor the mitigation measures over time to gauge compliance, as and if necessary.

Mary Rudd motioned to adjourn the PC Louise Giovanella 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Huff,

Clerk