

Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2020

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Gary Keegan, Fred Pirie, Mike Bailey, Andy Beaty
Attorney McQuerry

The Zoning Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Hoag at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Fred Pirie to approve the December minutes, seconded by Mike Bailey, all in favor, motion granted.

The Zoning Board filled out the Ethnics forms for 2020. The Zoning Board reviewed the Building Permits issued by Building Inspector Fran Rogers.

Wysocki-Solar

Mr. Frank appeared before the Zoning Board for the solar array project at the Wysocki property on Rt. 22 in the Town of Hoosick. There are 234 acres and the solar array would be on 25 acres. The solar array project is not associated with the Hoosick Falls Central School and is classified as a Tier 3 solar array project. The site plan was provided to the Zoning Board. This will be a ground mounted solar array with concrete inverter pads and the panels will be tilted to the south and will be anti-glare panels. The panels will be 16 ft. off ground and no higher. A map of the flood area was shown to the board and the project is 190 ft. off of the road. The Zoning Board discussed the project and they have to consider relative to the new law and review the complete application for the project. Some of the issues raised include the need for letters from the EMS and the Fire Department, to determine who would have the keys to the site and access to the project in case of an emergency and drainage. Mr. Frank stated he would like approval in 4 months if possible. The Zoning Board will review application and the Building Inspector will look at the complete application for input.

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Fitzsimmons-Solar Array

Mr. Frank appeared for a solar array project on Jack and Linda Fitzsimmons property on vacant land on LeBarron Road in the Town of Hoosick. There are 122 acres and an 18 acre parcel will be for the solar array. The Zoning Board will review the application and the Building Inspector will look at the complete application for input.

The Zoning Board discussed both projects and will further review requirements under the new law. The Zoning Board members discussed the impact this project would have on the neighbors. The Zoning Board discussed if they should consider hiring some help in reviewing solar array projects and designate a Zoning Board member to contact a consultant. The Zoning Board said they will look into a consultant.

A motion was made by Fred Pirie to adjourn the Zoning Board meeting, seconded by Mike Bailey, all in favor, motion granted.

Karen Jennings
Secretary

Minutes approved by Zoning Board on 2/3/2020