Town of Hoosick Zoning Board Meeting September 5, 2023

Present: Chairman Jim Hoag, Gary Sussman, Fred Pirie, Eric Ziehm Mike Bailey and Attorney Gilchrist

A motion was made by Mike Bailey to approve the August minutes, seconded by Gary Sussman, all in favor, motion granted.

Wilson Hill Solar Array:

Mr. Riley from Nexamp appeared before the Zoning Board for a Solar Array on Wilson Hill Road. The solar array will be on Larry Bugbee's property and there is 24 acres total and 18.6 acres will be the solar array. This array will serve the local residents and Business subscribers, they can serve subscribers beyond the local area it can be from the Adirondacks to the Hudson Valley and they would be able to get a 10% savings.

There will be 7 acres of tree clearing on a slope, there will be screening with trees and there will be in house maintenance for the project and they will hire local labor to build in which they plan to connect to a neighboring property. A detailed map was presented and the project is in an AG/Residential area. Mr. Riley stated that the panels will be on top of the hill and there should be minimal view impact.

Gary Sussman had concerns for the impact he stated he lives nearby and you can see the entire valley and he stated there is water underneath the mountain on site and this could be a water problem. He stated that professional artists come to this area to paint and said that could be a bigger impact for view.

Mr. Riley stated there would be a Pilot Agreement and a Decommissioning plan and this will be tax revenue for the Town and they are already locked in to National Grid.

There will be around 8,000 panels which will be 6 to 8 ft. and 16 ft. in height and will be American panels.

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The setbacks are 75 ft or more, there will be fencing, sheep grazing and will be mowed once a month and they will build the same access road when finished with construction.

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

Karen Jennings Secretary Minutes approved by Zoning Board 10/02/2023