

TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
1-27-2020

Present: David Jennings, Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, Mike Hillman, David DeRock, Richard Pullen, Patty Oliver

Community present: Phil Edwards, Ginger Edwards, Betty Bunt, Jeff Baker, Rick Smith, Raymond Fornes, Dan Huntington (Norbut), Rob Chamberlain (Angelica), Danielle Chamberlain (Angelica), Dave Chamberlain (Angelica), Maggie Thompson, Tim Atherton, Lawyer from Wellsville

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Supervisor Jennings and everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Questions from the public were directed mostly to Dan Huntington, Norbut Solar representative. There were questions regarding boundaries, what steps will be taken for decommissioning solar fields, what happens if the project changes hands, when would this project start and what is the benefit to the Town.

Mr. Huntington explained that unlike most projects of this type where the land is leased, his company has/will purchase the land. A 125% bond of the total project cost will be in place for decommissioning. Lawyers are still working on the decommissioning language. While there is no intent to sell the project, if it would happen down the road, the same exact contract and care would be rolled over to the new owners. Norbut would like to start the project in early spring. The Town's benefit would come from the pilot payment in lieu of taxes (pro-rated allocation according to the host agreement) plus a 10% discount in power usage costs.

Mr. Huntington reviewed maps showing boundaries with the 100' setbacks and explained that fencing will surround each of the four arrays separately. Norbut is requesting a setback waiver for only internal boundaries.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk