

**The Town of Danville Planning Commission**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**  
**Danville Town Hall**  
**July 28, 2022**

**Attendance:** Glenn Herrin, Vince Foy, Davie Kyle, Michael Hogue, Kate Whitehead

**Guests:** Rob Balivet, Brian Henderson , Encore Energy reps

Glenn opened the meeting at 7:30pm

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Michael made a motion to approve June minutes. Motion carried.

**Proposed Olde Farmhouse Solar Project**

*Project Review*

Encore Energy staff joined via zoom to provide an overview of the proposed solar project:

- Olde Farm House Rd (Rte 2 & Parker Rd), 12 acres, 7,000 panels facing south, agricultural style fence to allow for small wildlife to pass through. Access road will be built to allow for maintenance & construction. Solar project is expected to remain for 25 years w/option of 5 year extension. A decommission fund will be set-up.
  - Commercial project – will help VT, all electricity will stay in state, vegetative screening installed; mix of hardwood – shield & soften views and make less visible from rte 2 stretch
  - Aesthetics:
    - Committed to planting pollinator cover crops, graze sheep under arrays, work w/local farmers
    - Natural resources screen – make certain it does not affect wildlife, use mapping tools to assess visibility

Project will go through PSB's section 248 Process. The full proposal/package will be sent to PC, SB electronically. Encore is required to provide notice to abutting property owners after filing with PCB. Michael raised concern of views & exposure coming from st j to Danville. Suggestion was made to include a site visit with neighbors and PC, SB. David & Michael will evaluate site & report back. Need to analyze against Town Plan conditions for preferred siting (re: not to obstruct rural vistas and/or removing land from ag use). Discussed other solar projects that have been installed on rte 2 and questioned the potential impacts for this corridor if additional sites continue to be added here. Ideas & suggestions for other potential mitigation measures (conservation easements) for land owners was discussed. Encore is finishing final design & next step will be to file with PCB. PC wants more time to review site & has decided to push discussion for any decision of endorsement until next month.

## **Committee Updates**

### *Train Station Committee*

First drawings in from architect for discussion on ADA (ramps) access into the building. Full set of plans by end of August. Next step is RFQ & hiring CM manager for 2023 construction.

## **Town Plan Updates**

### *Energy Plan*

Enhanced Energy Plan will be integrated into the Town Plan. Existing Plan is strong; decide which charts to use that inform the issue, pg 17 of plan lists criteria of preferred sites – these will be combined with what is currently drafted. Include specifics of what impacts we want evaluated (views, etc.).

### *Flood Resilience*

Re-writing goals & objectives (more specific), Hazard Mitigation Plan edits will be completed, DEC has drafted new zoning bylaws (10 pgs)

Short term rental ordinance is being drafted.

Glenn to set-up shared master google doc & will send out. PC members can create word doc of individual sections and updates and send to Glenn to compile.

## **Correspondence**

Notice of St J Town Plan update

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm**

**Next meeting: August 25 @ 7:30pm at the Danville Town Hall**