

Planning Board Meeting- Town of York

July 12, 2016

Present: Frank Rose, Dave Russo, Joe McIlroy, Heather Grant, Mark Vitale, Jim Campbell, Krista Donohue, Carol Rose, Kurt Richenberg, Steele Fuller

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm with pledge of allegiance

Joe opened the Public Hearing for the Mesonet Weather Tower on Abbey property. Mr. McIlroy read the public notice and the county review letter- determination of no significant impact County-wide.

Mr. Campbell had a question on the tax implications- there would be none- not taxable.

Mr. McIlroy asked about problems with emergency frequencies- Ms. Donohue stated there is no effect

Mr. McIlroy also inquired about height of fence- would like it to be 6 feet if possible. Yes it would be. Explained that this would be following the guidelines for the small wind towers in the Town Code.

Kurt asked about life expectancy- batteries 5-8 years and 30 year agreement

Kurt asked about data that was being collected and who funds it- worried about chance of surveillance

Funding is provided by FEMA, Homeland Security and SUNY Albany Research

Tower cannot be retrofitted to be used in any other way but for intended research purposes

Currently 70 towers in state- goal is to have 125

Heather asked about potential of working with local school- yes this is possible

Mr. Campbell wanted to see the agreement between SUNY Albany and the Abbey- Ms. Donohue had it forwarded to her and presented to Jim. He found no problems with the agreement. Sites were chosen based on ads put out by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Abbey not receiving funds for participating

Joe closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe presented board with an agreement formed by County Planning to exempt 13 various actions from their review. Discussion on this.

Mark Vitale made motion to recommend to the Town Board that we approve this agreement.

Dave Russo seconded,

Yes – 5

No - 0

Joe read letter from York Conservation Advisory Council re: Roundtable Meeting at 7:30 pm on July 20 at the Town Hall about Hedgerow Clear Cutting.

Joe- explained 63/36 intersection progress- grant was approved to do planning for the corners- traffic calming measures

Green burials- new issue arising may need to address in code

Heather mentioned solar farms and what other towns are doing in regards to code- Lima has moratorium- explained her family has been approached to put up a solar farm on her property.

Final Site Plan Review of Mesonet Tower

Joe McIlroy made a motion to approve the final site plan with increase of fence height from 4-6 feet. Dave Russo seconded.

Yes – 5

No - 0

Motion to adjourn by Heather Grant at 8:30 pm, seconded by Joe McIlroy.

Yes – 5

No - 0