

Pownal Planning Board Site Walk, Fickett Rd. NBD Solar June 1, 2021

PB Members: Matt St. Cyr, John BOWdren and Tony Dater, Town Planner

Public Attending: Dave Norman, Matt Welsh, Marcia Bowen, Doug Stewart, Marie Wendt and Shawn Tobin and Shawn Meehan, both from Hoyle Tanner, representing NBD Solar.

Meeting Started 5:03 pm.

2nd Site Walk for this project.

We met by the Road and had a question and answer with Shawn Tobin giving a quick recap of the project and answered questions.

Matt Welsh asked if we could add a buffer in the South West Corner, where the logging off will occur, Shawn discussed fence and panel set backs from the property and fence line.

How many panels? A little over 12,000

Discussed Erosion Control for the run-off during construction, Shawn answered they would be using chipped up trees to create a Berm on the downhill side of slopes all around the property where construction takes place.

How long for the project to be complete? Shawn thought 4 to 6 months to complete a majority of the project.

Where to the racks and panels come from? TerraSmart, based in Florida will handle the installation of the rack systems, the racks, pipes and panels will be shipped from Viet Nam.

We discussed the 3-d drawings and walked to where the Stewart property abuts the project to see the view where the large berm with tree plantings atop it would go. After a discussion between Doug Stewart and Shawn Tobin it was decided to remove the large berm and plantings and instead to add more and more variey of plantings where the berm would have been and also to not cut down the trees near the property line in this section, Shawn also offered to remove about 3 tables of panels on the westernmost bump of the panels in this section. Doug Steward and Shawn Tobin discussed when the plantings would be put in and they agreed to do that near the beginning of the project, instead of at the end.

We walked over the creek to where the inverters would be placed and looked back to the north and west towards Doug Stewart's house, We discussed adding plantings north of the creek, below where the CMP corridor runs to block the view from the abutters with a more varied mix of trees, Shawn noted that this area would be allowed to grow back naturally.

A question for Ben at NorthStar Planning, Do we need a contour grading plan for the road in the South west corner of the project, near steep slopes, in regards to fire and safety having access along the road.

Meeting adjourned 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted.

John Bowdren