

Agawam Planning Board – March 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman
Frank DeStefano
Michael DiLullo
Charles Elfman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Violet Baldwin

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Pam Kerr
Stefanie Kesecker

Chairperson Paleologopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. SITE PLAN-240 Bowles Road-Solbid, Inc

Amanda Langer with JDE Civil was present for this agenda item. She stated she had received Engineering comments this morning. Mr. Paleologopoulos asked Ms. Langer to go over any Site Plan changes that have been made since the last meeting. Ms. Langer stated they have responded to the previous Engineering comments and have sent a letter requesting a waiver for the Code of the Town of Agawam, §180-160 Financial Surety on the basis that the inherent design of the system is for onsite generation and use with limited export to the grid. Ms. Langer stated the Engineering wanted HydroCAD files and they have been submitted. She stated the only physical change to the plan was trees that were added to act as a screen. She stated the detail sheet was modified to show the correct posts. Engineering is concerned about the HydroCAD calculations and they wanted additional filter fabric. She pointed out to the Board the stone trench that would be 1ft. deep and 2 ft. wide and 18 inches from the bottom up and she stated they would not need to put in fabric filter because of the depth. She stated Engineering also wanted filter fabric for the gravel roadway but she stated the gravel is only 4 inches deep and a fabric filter was not needed. The Engineering memo had stated the gravel roadway need to be 1 ft. deep and that is why they want filter fabric as well. Mr. Paleologopoulos stated Ms. Langer would need to work this out with Engineering. Ms. Langer stated the gravel access road is only for emergency access, no other vehicles would utilize it including any maintenance which will be performed twice a year. She stated Engineering did not want heavy equipment driven over this roadway. Mr. Paleologopoulos asked about the difference in grade and if it was steep. Ms. Langer stated it was not steep and very gradual. She went on to say that Engineering wanted a test pit per 100 ft. section of the gravel road. She stated an environmentalist had performed some soil testing, but she was not certain if they had obtained ground water. Ms. Langer stated the Towns' bylaws say that any increase of 25% or more of impervious area calls for more impervious depth, but she said for this project the impervious increase is only about .034%. She stated the only increase in impervious area was just where the new electrical equipment would sit. She went on to say that under all the electric panels a new seed mixture would be planted that grows as bushes and seed

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blend rather than simply grass, which also provides mitigation. Mr. Paleologopoulos stated the Board is fine with the plan, but he wants Engineering to approve the water calculations before the Board approves this Site Plan.

Motion was made by Mr. DeStefano and seconded by Mr. Elfman to table the SITE PLAN-240 Bowles Road-Solbid, Inc. to the April 6, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC

The Planning Board received a written request to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC to the April 6, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. DeStefano and seconded by Mr. DiLullo to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC to the April 6, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-February 16, 2023 and March 2, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DiLullo to approve the minutes of February 16, 2023.

VOTE 4-0-0

Motion was made by Mr. DiLullo and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to approve the minutes of March 2, 2023.

VOTE 4-0-1 (Elfman)

4. Correspondences

Ms. Egerton informed the Board that a revised plan was received for 19F Gold Street and it would be on the agenda for the April 6, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. DeStefano and seconded by Mr. Elfman to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.