

Strafford Planning Commission  
Special Meeting with the Strafford Selectboard  
July 28, 2021

PC members in attendance: Stuart Crocker; Martha Walke; via Zoom: Steve Willbanks, Chair; Greg Colling; Donald Graham; Chrissy Jamieson; Mike Scanlan; Jason Schumacher.

Guests: John Echeverria; via Zoom: Doc Bagley, Strafford Energy Commission; Kevin Jones & Jeanne Oliver, VT Law School.

Call to order: 7PM

1. Purpose of the meeting is a request for approval of preferred sites for two community solar projects (139 Alger Brook Rd. and 328 Rte. 132).

Doc Bagley presented the following points:

- Sites would power 20-30 homeowners &/or businesses
- Anyone in the Green Mt. territory can sign on; offered to Strafford residents first
- The 45 day notice for permit was sent to state agencies
- Abutters were also notified (14 abutters to 328 Rte. 132 & 4 abutters to 139 Alger Brook)
- Questions concerning abutter response - negative comments not derail the project
- Were all town residents notified of the search for preferred locations? Only on the list serve.
- How much will the landowners get paid? Lease agreement particular to site - direct payment or opportunity for shares. Additional revenue goes to participating residents.
- What was criteria applied to making preferred site decisions? Goals of the town & state for renewable energy; zero emissions by 2030; enhanced energy plan.
- Strafford Solar Power LLC should have a dismantling plan.

2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project at 139 Alger Brook Rd. (JS/MS). 6 approved; 1 opposed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the project at 328 Rte. 132 (MS/JS). 5 approved; 2 opposed.

Motion to adjourn the special meeting (MS/GC). Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary