

Town of New Haven Emergency Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Thursday, October 2, 2014
Town Offices

Present: Chair, Kathy Barrett, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Carole Hall, Charlie Roy, Doug Tolles, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman
Visitors: Jess Whitney and Dale Hastings

AGENDA RESULTS:

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Jess Whitney and Dale Hastings reside at 999 Dog Team Road. They are currently faced with attorney fees to fight a one acre solar array that will back right up to their property line, and obstruct their view to the south east. They have written to the SunCommon, the installer of said array. Suncommon said they would move the array slightly away from their house, but John Meshna, the land owner who is putting the array in does not want it close to his house. The New Haven Planning Commission has written a letter to the PSB, but the PSB does not feel this array is intrusive, and will allow it to go thru. Because of the Public Service Boards timeline, Whitney/Hastings need to act quickly. They have sought out an attorney, but are struggling with coming up with attorney fees that could run them \$900 - \$1,000. They have come to ask the Selectboard if there is any way the Town could join their fight, and help pay some of the attorney fees. Kathy Barrett explained that the Town does have a line item in the budget for litigation, and the town is currently in the middle of its own litigation. It would not be appropriate for the town to pay for personal attorney's fees. The whole situation was discussed at length, it was suggested the Whitney / Hastings contact Adam Lougee at Addison County Regional Planning Commission for his help. It was also suggested to contact the Vermont Department of Public Service Department as they serve as advocates for folks like the Whitney / Hastings. Dale and Jess thanked the Selectboard for listening.

Adjourn: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

Chair, Kathy Barrett

Vice Chair, Roger Boise

Carole Hall

Charlie Roy

Doug Tolles

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