

These minutes were approved at the ... meeting.

Site Walk Minutes
253 Durham Point Road – solar array in WCOD
March 25, 2020, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Paul Rasmussen, Chair
Barbara Dill, Vice Chair
James Bubar
Lorne Parnell
Sally Tobias
Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

Applicant

Bonnie Brown
Arthur Butt
Erik Pickhardt, contractor

Others

Zach Irons, neighbor at 7 Colony Cove
Anne Zwart, neighbor at 5 Edgerly Garrison

Paul Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Erik Pickhardt pointed out where the freestanding array would be located, close to the barn, and the conduit running to the array. He said the location was revised moving the array a little closer to the barn to minimize grading. There will be precast footing blocks. A mini-excavator will be used. The wetlands have not been flagged but there are pretty much at the base of the slope. Erik Pickhardt said they were not always wetlands. There is a small pond in the middle of the wetlands. There is water at the surface in some places part of the year. Arthur Butt said photographs show people playing croquet and having clambakes in the wetland area in the 1920s.

Lorne asked if any trees will need to be removed. Erik Pickhardt said the trees allowing for light to the array have already been removed. Bonnie Brown has also started work on the barn and he said some trees touched the barn.

James asked if the array will be far enough from the roof of the barn with snow falling off. Erik Pickhardt said that could possibly be a concern and they could move it a little further away. He said the plans showed 40 feet to the wetland boundary but it is actually a little more. He can move it closer, about three feet more from the barn. He said the height of the array will be about 11 feet.

Zach Irons said his only concern was if the wetland would be impacted but he said with this design he doesn't have any concerns.

Michael said the application and public hearing should be postponed from the Planning Board meeting that evening to the April 29 meeting because we need a recommendation from the Conservation Commission. He asked if there were significant concerns at this point such that we should discuss the application that evening (in order to avoid needing to go beyond the April 29 meeting). There were no significant concerns at that point.

The meeting adjourned around 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner