

Minutes
April 6, 2020, 7:00PM
Energy Advisory Committee and Design Review Committee
By Zoom

- I. Call to Order. 7:03 PM. Attending: EAC: Valerie White, Silas Fyler, George Aronson, Lajos Kamocsay, DRC: Colin Barbera, Ted Galeota, Paul Driscoll, Julie Rowe, Ron Goodman, Sid Jeevan, Observing: Bri MacAlevey, Isaac, Sharon TV, Rob Maidman, Bill Heitin (late), DSD: Jenny Nicolas, Timothy Magner, Alex Norman
- II. *Approval of minutes from March 31, 2020.* Moved, seconded, passed unanimously.
- III. *Responses by Distributed Solar:* East Elementary/Gavins Pond/Landfill projects: Jenny showed a rendering of option four with removal of mound and sloped canopies so balls will roll off. This configuration doubles amount of gutters. Will have to redo glare study. No change in total canopy size. May have more parking. The smaller canopy dimensions have changed. Used to be longer. Difference is because this rendering used surveys instead of aerial views. Overall heights 20 on high side, 12 on the low side. Might have to consult Fire Department for clearances. Not much change in estimated production. Alex and Kevin (Tree warden) are meeting tomorrow at the Landfill and then Alex will meet Paul D. at Gavins. He's also going to East. Construction schedules were circulated by DSD.
- IV. *Discuss East /Gavins Pond/Landfill solar design and mitigation* We probably can't vote on the Gavins layout tonight. Maybe April 13 and 20 we could meet. East array can be built this year. But not after August 20. First day of school Aug 31. Maybe could start earlier on East given that school may not be in session because of Covid 19. We still have to go back to School Committee. Alex says the Gavins schedule needs revising. What about sound study? Alex says we will have comparative decibel studies. Tim says transformers will not make any more noise than the transformers that are already in your neighborhood. The construction manager will reach out to Tony, school facilities manager. Let's meet with East abutters first. Our objective could be to have a vote on Gavins on the 13th after hearing from Soccer Association about option 4. Ron Goodman wants something in the agreements that if there is improvement in yield from solar panels the town should share in the improvement. Ted: we should have input from town about test pits before we vote. George: We need input from Conservation Commission before vote too. Sid: Landfill plans may take longer and voting might not happen right away, and he looks forward to meeting with Alex tomorrow. Jenny says the meeting with Selectboard May 4 on her schedule was speculative, and she will be able to present what is solid on the 21st. Lajos will tell Selectboard about proposed schedule. School Committee is meeting on 15th, we should try to get on that agenda. Bill Heitin joined. Lajos summarized our decisions thus far.

- V. *Consider/vote on recommendations to Selectboard* Not tonight. Defer till next meeting.
- VI. *Plan abutters' meetings.* Have abutters meetings the week of the 20th. Not formal meetings needing posted notice. Lajos doesn't think they should be group meetings. Rob agreed. Meeting should be with individual abutters. Jenny wants to know where to get the abutter contact information from the town. We are talking about line-of-site abutters. Julie made a list of East abutters, and Sid has one for Landfill. Gavins is just Paul Wen, although other nearby folks will be contacted. Jenny suggests a more public meeting after the private meetings. Julie and Lajos will spend ten minutes after the meeting getting the list together.
- VII. *Group discussion and topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting* Julie described how she collected possible abutters from Google Maps.
- VIII. *Schedule next meetings* April 13 and 20, 7PM
- IX. *Adjourn 9:30PM*