

TOWN OF PORTLAND WORKSHOP-PRESENTATION FROM ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER INC.

PORTLAND TOWN HALL

JULY 01, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz	Supervisor
Rick Manzella	Council
Patti Farrell	Council

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Miller	Council
Jerry Boltz	Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Two representatives from Abundant Solar Power

Eric Holton EWT Wind Turbines

Portland Planning Board Members-Harold Smith, Dale Furman, Robert Patterson Sr., Lori Foster

Village of Brocton Trustees- Carol Horlacher, Art Miller

Roxane Sobecki Town Clerk

Approximately 10 members of the public

Supervisor Schrantz opened the informational meeting with Abundant Solar at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Schrantz welcomed Rachel Clar of Abundant Solar. Ms. Clar gave an overview of the proposed solar project:

- 77% of the project is in the Town of Portland, 23% in the Village of Brocton. The proposed site is 46 acres with approximately 36 acres as a Solar Farm. Five parcels are under contract with Shinteer, LLC. Abundant Solar cannot move forward with permitting in each municipality. Portland has adopted a solar code, but Brocton has not. It was asked that the whole project be made to comply with Portland's code, with a potential variance. If the project is subjected to Portland's existing solar code the site is approximately 750' above sea level, the code requires 850' above sea level. For the project to move forward a resolution would need to be made by the Village of Brocton for Portland to take the lead. The project's impact on agriculture/soils will be thoroughly addressed in permitting.
- Reviewed how community solar works- Residents must be a National Grid customer. Residents can sign up thru Abundant to receive monthly solar credits, residents are then billed by abundant each month for those credits at a 10% discount to their value. This is based on electricity usage and the solar farm's total production. The Village of Brocton would have to be evaluated since they have their own electric.
- Fire Training/Safety was discussed.
- Glare- The panels are designed to absorb, and not reflect sunlight. The tallest panel is 9ft. This project is well masked, cannot be seen from Route 20.

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- A fence would surround the whole project. A map was passed out for the boards review.
- Mr. Clar told board members she would be glad to schedule a tour of the Rochester area solar farms for their review.
- Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) will need to be addressed. In National Grid territory, where this project sits, the guidelines for total taxation is \$5100/MW. At this point the concept plan is to build a 5MW project. The total taxes $\$5100/\text{MW} \times 5\text{MW}$ planned = \$25,500/year in total taxes.
- Ms. Clar told board members Abundant Solar talks with all neighbors that border the project.
- A decommission Plan was discussed.

Supervisor Schrantz thanked everyone for attending, the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki
Town Clerk