

Wiscasset Planning Board  
Minutes, November 9, 2015

Present: Larry Barnes, Al Cohen, Tony Gatti, Jackie Lowell, Lester Morse, Karl Olson, Deb Pooler,  
and Ray Soule

Absent: Peter McRae

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Soule called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Approve August 31, 2015 minutes

Al Cohen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Vote 7-0-1.

3. ReVision Energy, Morris Farm Community Solar Farm – Site Plan Review for installation of a ground-mounted, grid-tied Solar PCV System, 156 Gardiner Road, Map R06, Lot 09

Karl Olson and Deb Pooler who had conducted a site walk reported that the site was developable and the site was visible from the road. Hans Albee, ReVision Energy, said the proposal was a 450 kilowatt solar array to be installed at 190 Gardiner Road to generate electricity, the credit for which will be sent to the accounts of the members who own the system. The existing pole will remain, the solar equipment will be installed on aluminum racking with 44 posts in two rows 130 feet long. The rows begin 25 feet from the edge of Gardiner Road. There will be no change in drainage; the property is not in the flood plain area. Albee said his company hoped to bury the conduit and install the posts before the ground freezes. There are eight owners to date.

In response to a question, Albee said the array will be 25 feet from the edge of the pavement; the planned setback should be adequate inasmuch as the ordinance calls for a setback of 33 feet from the centerline of the road. The highest point of the array is 10 feet above the ground. Karl Olson said a plan from a professional surveyor was required by the ordinance and should be part of the application. Al Cohen moved to accept the application as complete awaiting the survey to be submitted. Vote 8-0-0.

A public hearing was scheduled for November 23 at 7 p.m. Albee was advised that in addition to the survey including the panels, a public hearing was required before board approval.

4. Other Business – none

5. Adjournment

Al Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Vote 8-0-0.