

**Town Of Madrid**  
**Planing Board Minutes**  
**January 11, 2024**

Time: 6:30

Attendees; Joe Fineegan Chr., Allen Kelly Sec., Wayne Day, Bruce Durant, Bill Hull, Tony Cooper Sup.

Others: Kai Simonsen of LF energy, David Fisher and Jordan Fisher of Maple View Farms.

New Business:

Old Business: Kai Simonsen of LF bio energy came to discuss the SEQRA that needs to have a negative declaration on the impacts of the BioDigester Project at MapleView Farms on the Jones Road. He discussed the processes involved in the production of methane. It involves the extraction of Hydrogen sulfide from the gas produced from the digester. Once this is completed the gas can then be used as a commercial product and will be piped to the Liberty Gas pipeline on the Sweet Road connection.

Kai reviewed the SEQRA with the Board members and asked about their concerns with the findings contained within it and the Planning Board Referral sheet.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion to Declare a Negative Declararion on the SEQRA for the MapleView Farms SEQRA. Joe Finnegan Yes Bill Hull Yes Allen Kelly Yes, Bruce Durant Yes, Wayne Day Yes.

The Board also Unanimously Approved the Motion and the Resolution as to the authorization of the question.

It was agreed to that the Board would Authorize LF Bioenergy to submit a referral to the County Planning Board for the consideration of the MapleView Bio Digester Project. Motion made By Allen Kelly and seconded By Bruce Durant. The board then approved the motion by unanimous consent.

With regard to the Madrid Solar Project the Board has assumed the role as lead agency.

The ZBA has not yet ruled upon the issue of the Planning Board's refusal of the application because it is Zoned Residential Hamlet and the Project does not conform to the approved usages of that parcel's Zoning restrictions. The board also determined that it is not appropriate for a special usage permit due to the commercial nature of the project and the location of the property.

The Negative Declaration on the SEQRA for the solar Project was completed with a motion to approve it being made by Allen Kelly and seconded by Bruce Durant. The motion was then approved by a role call vote with all members of the board voting in the affirmative. This decision will be forwarded to the parties seeking this decision. The ZBA will be informed of this as well so they can incorporate it into their consideration of the matter before them regarding the pending madrid solar project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20