

**TOWN OF MADRID
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

TIME 6:30

ATTENDEES: JOE FINNEGAN CHR., ALLEN KELLY SEC., WAYNE DAY, BILL HULL, BRUCE DURANT
TONY COOPER SUP., JEFF GILSON CODE ENFORCEMENT.

OTHERS: Rita

The minutes for the January meeting were distributed by the Sec. for review by the Board members. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bill Hull And seconded by Bruce Durant. The minutes were then approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Old Business:

New Business: Mike Campbell of Madrid on County Rte 14 wants to apply for a salvage operation at his existing property where he currently has a motor vehicle repair garage business.

Bill Hull made a Motion to refer the application to the County Planing Board As it is located on a County Highway. The motion was seconded by Bruce Durant. The Board then approved that motion. He was informed that since the properties are zoned R/A we would have to deny it when it is returned from the County. He then could appeal this finding to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and a variance to proceed with his plan if it were to be granted.

Delaware Solar has purchased the Proposed Solar Project on Rte 345 in Madrid which is adjacent to the Cemeteries on Main Street on land owned by the Jaquiths. They want to resurrect the project that has been previously denied by both the planning board and the ZBA. Jeff Gilson has refused their application at this point since it is not a permitted use as the property is zoned as RH. They have been in contact with supervisor Cooper and with the Town attorney about this Project Proposal also. They have requested a joint meeting with both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board in regard to this matter. It is questionable if this is proper at this time as it is premature in the process for anything like this to take place. The Board intends to consult with the attorney and the supervisor regarding this. This writer has concerns that this could be an attempt to circumvent the process and fast track the process instead of taking the necessary steps to ensure a thorough review is undertaken.

There are also concerns that this might be an attempt to circumvent the whole process by merely changing the name of the applicant to another company while essentially using the same information and reviews.

Bill Hull made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Bruce Durant.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21