

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS**  
**Planning Board Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2022**

A. Francesco called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Members Present: Angi Francesco, Chair, Carl Lehner, Secretary, Janet Cocchiaro, Member, Ron Huntoon, Member, Clayton Titus, Member, Peter Francesco, Ex-Officio

Members Not Present: Bill Nesheim

Also Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator, Iain MacLeod, Executive Director, Squam lakes Natural Science Center and Ted Vansant, representing Barrington Power.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 15, 2022**

A. Francesco asked for any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Lehner clarified that the reference to “energy needs” on page 1 should read “electrical needs”.

A Francesco pointed out two grammatical corrections.

**MOTION: “To approve the minutes of March 15, 2022” as amended.**

Motion: C. Lehner

Second: R. Huntoon

Discussion: none

Motion Passed: 6–Yes    0– No

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Case# 22-04-01 – Site Plan review for Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Tax Map #236 Lot 001, located at 23 Science Center Road, Holderness, NH, to install 258 Ground Mounted Solar panels in the areas between the main parking lots. The parking lots have large capacity storm water runoff mitigation in place and there is a large buffer of natural vegetation as well as elevation which screens the arrays almost completely from route 113.

The Board reviewed the contents of the application with Messrs. MacLeod and Vansant.

**MOTION: “To accept the application as complete**

Motion: R. Huntoon

Second: J. Cocchiaro

Discussion: none

Motion Passed: 6–Yes    0– No

A. Francesco opened the public hearing at 5:40PM.

I. MacLeod explained the plan to the Board.

A. Francesco asked for questions from the Board.

P. Francesco commented that he had visited the site and found no issues with the site lines.

R. Huntoon agreed.

A. Francesco asked how the electronics on the arrays would be protected.

I. MacLeod commented that there would be split rail fencing protecting the arrays.

T. Vansant noted that screening will be placed around the electronics on the arrays so no one can access them.

J. Cocchiario inquired about the orientation of the panels.

T. Vansant commented that they will be facing downhill toward route 113.

J. Cocchiario asked about the location of the inverters.

T. Vansant commented that the inverters will be in different positions on the array depending on the row. There will be a pedestal for the inverters on the middle row. The other rows will have the inverters on the arrays.

P. Francesco asked how many kilowatts (KW) the array will produce.

T. Vansant replied 116KW.

I. MacLeod noted that this array, combined with the array already on the Blue Heron School will provide close to 100% of the Center's electrical needs.

J. Cocchiario asked if there will be any car chargers installed.

I. MacLeod noted that that there are already two electric vehicle chargers at the Center and they may add more.

There being no other questions from the Board and no public present Ms. Francesco closed the public hearing at 5:50PM asked for a motion with regard to the application.

**MOTION: "To approve the application for the site plan as presented**

Motion: R. Huntoon

Second: J. Cocchiario

Discussion: Mr. Lehner mentioned that he would recuse himself from the vote as he is a Board Member of the Science Center.

Motion Passed: 5–Yes    0– No

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Next Meeting: May 17, 2022** – The Town Administrator mentioned that no other applications had been received to date for next month. The deadline is April 20, 2022.

The Town Administrator also advised the Board that he had reviewed the previous applications and meeting minutes regarding the first three phases of the Curry Place development and it was unclear to him whether the Board had approved phase four. While phase four, which would include the addition of two duplexed units, was shown on the site plan of the April 2019 meeting, the minutes of the meeting appear to address only phase three. Ms. Francesco asked the Town administrator to provide the Board with the information from the three hearings and also to speak with Counsel regarding the matter.

The Town Administrator advised the Board that, due to an increase in certified fees for mailings, the fee charged for abutter notices will need to be increased. He is researching the matter further to see if a formal vote needs to be taken by the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 5:55PM the following motion was made.

### **MOTION: “To adjourn.”**

Motion: C. Lehner

Second: R. Huntoon

Discussion: None

Motion Passed: 6– Yes    0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Capone  
Town Administrator