

Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals
Public Hearing (Continued from 5-24-11)
Minutes of 02 June 2011

Call to order at 7:05 pm, present for the Board, Chair- Edward Burchfield, George Miller, Morris Burr, Tom Curry, and Joanne Freeman.

Seating of alternates: Joanne Freeman for Linda Seretny.

Old Business: Reading of the legal notice and agenda for the meeting.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear the following applications from:

Robert Marsh and Rachel Girshick 156 Estabrooks Rd., Hampton, Ct. to appeal the Zoning Regulation 4.1 regarding a 50' rear yard setback requirement (15' requested) for the purposes of installing panels (2) to support a 6KW solar voltaic ground mounted system.

Open the Hearing for questions and comments. Discussion ensued, some points as follows: Miller asked about the reasoning of ground mounting vice roof top. The applicant stated that he didn't want them on the house, the barn cannot be used because of the metal roof, and the location is the best suited spot as far as gathering solar energy as measured by the company (DCS Energy) doing the install. The location requested is not affected by the tree line on the opposite side of the road of which he cannot cut or maintain said tree line because he does not own that particular property.

Miller asked if the panels could be mounted on the side of the barn. Mr. Marsh said they could not because the barn sides are mostly glass as it is a passive solar structure.

Burr asked if this will supply all electrical power or supplemental power. Mr. Marsh replied that it is expected to provide better than 60% of needed power as well as many appliances have been upgraded to higher efficiency models, so he anticipates better performance.

Miller asked about the safety of personnel regarding the low position of install, Mr. Marsh replied he and his wife are the only people exposed to them.

Freeman asked about what the neighbors thought about the project, response was that he has been encouraged by them to pursue the project.

This project helps define the positive contributions of solar initiatives and the commitment to green energy efforts. Applicant presented the return receipts certifying mailed notices to adjacent landowners.

Burr moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Miller, all in favor, motion passes.

Communications: None

Adjournment: Motion by Miller to adjourn, Seconded by Burr, all in favor, motion passes, 7:22pm.

Recorded by the Chairman
Edward Burchfield