

### **Town of Fenner Planning Board Minutes: 5/17/2023**

Present: Monica Cody, Andre Schokker, Andy Stone, Pete Snyder, Sue Yanulis, Andy Bishop

Community Members: Dave Senehi, two additional neighbors

Andy Stone called meeting to order at 7:33pm. Motion by Andre Schokker

### **Discussion of meeting minutes from 4/19/2023:**

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from 4/19/23 with addition of lot number of 79.-1-3 for Mr. Senehi's project by Pete Snyder, second by Andre Schokker. Motion carries.

Andy opened a public hearing at 7:35PM for Special Use Permit for Dave Senehi to discuss changes to the interconnection of the substation.

### **79.-1—3, 3649 Cody Rd, Town of Fenner wind use special use permit modification for Dave Senehi.**

Mr. Senehi explained the changes to the subdivision. There will be a line tap and a collection station. It is less construction, the fenced in area should be smaller than previously approved. It will either be 5 GE's or 3-Etercon windmills. The final drawings are dictated by National Grid. It may be considerably smaller and is visible from the road. Mr. Senehi will try to hide it once installed with pine trees. All soil has been tested for resistivity.

Environmental studies are complete, no findings. Bird mortality study will be done once project is installed.

*Comment by LeeAnne Lake:* It's getting overwhelming how much Fenner is getting hit by green energy projects. She is happy to see this one is smaller than originally planned as it will be right next to her house. But it is overwhelming. What is the benefit to a project of this size of investment? Mr. Senehi noted there is a benefit for leasing the land to the project and a development payment. Originally it was started to hand to his sons to operate as they age. Green Bank is interested in funding the project. He will still maintain some ownership in it with Green Bank as the owning entity. PILOT payments will be made to the town. The Town Board and School Board should have copies of those documents. Payments are based on power generated.

Windmills are supposed to generate 1.7MW per hour if they were running at 100%. Typically runs at 60% in winter, 10% in the summer.

Motion to close the public hearing by Monica Cody second by Sue Yanoulis at 8:12. Motion carries.

Original long form SECRA document was reviewed, no changes were deemed necessary. Negative declaration was found.

Project is in the Interconnection Queue #1156 for a go-live date of December of 2024, but that could be variable based on regulatory process. The build would start in October 2024.

Motion to approve modified special use permit by Pete Snyder, second by Andre Schokker.

Motion to close by Andy Bishop, second by Andre Schokker 8:29PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Cody