

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
12/1/2022

Board Members and Staff Present: John Stadler, Chair; Tim Cook, Vice Chair; David Kahn, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; Rich Menge, Member; Rich Brown, Alternate; Hebe Quinton, Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Board Members Absent: None

Members of the Public Present: Karl Furstenberg, Mark Bollinger, Peter McLaughlin
Via zoom: Sam Sam Feigenbaum from Kearsarge Energy.

Minutes: 10/27 JS moved to pass as amended, RM second. Passed unanimously
11/10 TC will send edits to David R. JS moved to pass as amended. TC second. Passed unanimously

Scheduled meetings: 12/8/22, 1/12/2023, 1/26/2023; Hold 2/2/2023 open for last meeting. Warrant has to go to the town 2/7/2023

JS will share the email from David Roby with the board.

Several PB members contacted respondents to the SES survey to gather feedback about the proposed expansion of large SES to allow for 1MW installations. Sense is that it would be OK if well screened. Some serious objecters. Mr. Furstenberg remarked that the PB can only focus on size and location, so it is all a matter of degree as long as other principles are met.

Sam F. answered several questions and will provide sample text about zoning for a 1 MW system. The town would be able to buy from a GNM project.

The LEAC (Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee) has started work, but is at least a year from being able to recommend contracting for electricity.

The board will review Keene's zoning language around large solar arrays - "Land development code", article 16.

Mark B noted that the 200,000 sq ft number from Sam F is total area, not just the panels.

The current proposed 20,000 is 0.5 MW on 2-3 acres.

Anything above ~0.15 MW needs 3 phase power lines, currently on E. Thetford Rd, Dorchester Rd to the Skiway, and Route 10 south of town.

Sam F. says that the proposed project could make payment in lieu of taxes.

DK wonders if the board can't come up with language for the larger system in time for this year, should the current amendment go ahead, saying it will be revised for next year?

Issues for the next meeting: Input on allowed locations; 50 acre lot minimum, for example?; enumerate benefits for Lyme; conservation district considerations; visibility and screening; lot coverage.

JS moved to close the meeting at 8:25; RB seconded.