

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the twenty second day of April 2019 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Chariho Middle School Auditorium, 455B Switch Road, Wood River Jct., RI 02894.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Scott Bill Hirst, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, Sharon Davis; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

HEARINGS

The Council resumed the public hearing to consider an amendment to the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and an amendment to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance filed by Atlantic Solar LLC, 260 West Exchange Street- Ste. 102A, Providence, RI 02903 and Gordon Excavating, Inc., 15 Cold Spring St., Providence RI 02906; Donald G. Gordon, 11 Anderson Rd., Pomfret Ctr., CT 06259, the land owner, for property located at 0 Arcadia Rd. & 0 Lisa Ln. identified as Plat 18, Lots 8 & 13, an RFR-80 Zone and filed in accordance with Chapter 16 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended. This matter was continued from March 25, 2019 to April 22, 2019 as was announced during the advertised and noticed March 25, 2019 Town Council Meeting. The applicants propose to install a ground-mounted photovoltaic solar array on the property. The proposal to utilize the property will require approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from Low-Density Residential to Commercial and a Zoning Map Amendment from RFR-80 to Commercial.

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located at 145 Skunk Hill Rd. identified as Plat 18, Lot 14, an RFR-80 Zone and filed in accordance with Chapter 16 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended. This matter was continued from March 25, 2019 to April 22, 2019 as was announced during the advertised and noticed March 25, 2019 Town Council Meeting. The applicants propose to install a ground-mounted photovoltaic solar array on the property. The proposal to utilize the property will require approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from Low-Density Residential to Commercial and a Zoning Map Amendment from RFR-80 to Commercial. A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. The court transcript will be attached and made part of the record. Attorney Robert Craven was present on behalf of the applicant and all filing fees had been paid and notice posted. The applicant completed their presentation and the public commented both pro and con. After a short break Attorney Craven stated that the applicant was willing to revise their plan and reduce the number of proposed panels and provide more of a buffer to the closest abutting property owners. Solicitor McAllister advised that it is his opinion that the Amended PSES Ordinance that was enacted in January of 2019 does not apply to any projects that were filed prior to the ordinance being enacted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO CONTINUE THE HEARING TO MAY 13, 2019 AT 7:00 PM.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Thompson, Capalbo, Davis

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk