

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MARCH 15, 2023 - TOWN OF KINGSBURY

Members present: Robert Dingman (Chairman)

Les Macura

David Gauci

Randy Weaver

Todd Murphy

Karen LaRose

Planning/Zoning Administrator: Todd Humiston

Kingsbury Town Attorney: Jeff Meyer, ESQ.

Excused: Tim LaSarso, Randy Getty

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dingman at 7:00 PM.

Roll call of all members and officials.

Chairman Dingman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023. On a motion by Les Macura, seconded by Randy Weaver, the minutes of the February 15, 2023, Kingsbury Planning Board meeting were approved.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Dingman stated that this meeting was not a public hearing and members of the public will have an opportunity to speak once the Planning Board becomes Lead Agency and a public hearing is scheduled.

Mr. Michael Frenette, representing Kruger Energy, apologized for missing the February Kingsbury Planning Board meeting and stated that they are interested in building a 5 MW AC solar farm off County Route 41. He noted that their efforts started with the Kingsbury Zoning Board requesting a zoning variance, which in turn referred Kruger Energy to the Kingsbury Planning Board to declare Lead Agency.

With no questions from the board members, Chairman Dingman requested a motion to declare the Kingsbury Planning Board as Lead Agency for the Kruger Energy project.

Les Macura made a motion for the Kingsbury Planning Board to declare Lead Agency for the Kruger Energy project. David Gauci seconded, and all voted in favor.

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Chairman Dingman stated that this project will now go back to the Kingsbury Zoning Board. He noted the following will be needed by the Kingsbury Planning Board to proceed thereafter:

Detailed site plans with elevations

Wetland delineation map and location of panels to wetland areas

Landscaping plan

Planting schedule

Slope analysis

Driveway and access road profiles

Grading and drainage plans

Glare analysis

Decommissioning plan

New York State endangered species letter

Map of 3-phase power

Map of the 30 acres to overlay the industrial power zone

Financial evidence of pursuing project

Proof of the need within the community

Chairman Dingman stated that Kruger Energy should also be able to address concerns of construction traffic, menus of vegetative growth, solid waste disposal of broken panels/construction debris, potential impacts of panel heat emission, intention of PILOT pursuit and power line coverage areas.

Chairman Dingman stated that there is a 30-day response window after the Lead Agency letters of intent are sent. He noted that the aforementioned items can be sent to Mr. Humiston as the information becomes available versus waiting until all the items have been addressed.

There being no further business to discuss, Randy Weaver made a motion to adjourn, and David Gauci seconded. With all voting in favor, the March Kingsbury Planning Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Alie Weaver, Planning Board Secretary

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