Lisbon Planning Board Meeting: July 13, 2015

Present: Steve Jemison (chair), Steve Wallace (co-chair) Marc McDonell (CEO), Dave Pearson, Tom Armstrong, Sue Duffy (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Bill Leary, Mark Hyde, John Gardner, Bob McNeil (Town Board Liaison)
Guest: Amy McDonough (Borrego Solar representative)

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Co-chair S. Wallace

Minutes for meeting of June 8, 2015 were reviewed and approved. (M)D. Pearson, (2nd) T. Armstrong

Old Business: Proposed Commercial Solar Project on Teele farm off 5-mile line road:
Borrego Solar representative Amy McDonough noted that proposed site off CR27 would be relocated to land adjacent to 5 mile line site due to capacity problems with National Grid’s substation at the 10 acre site off CR 27. Ms. McDonough gave overall presentation of project as well as proposed timeline. Company is proposing to start construction in October with completion not until spring-summer of 2016. The two sites though adjacent will still be treated as separate sites. She also said that the eventual owners can expect to recoup their initial investment costs within 7-10 years.
A discussion on site remediation bonding for the project followed with Ms. McDonough agreeing to consider a minimum of $500,000 bonding with an inflation index to start at an as yet unspecified date.

New Business:

1. Woodcrest Farm Digester: CEO McDonell presented information resulting from an on-site inspection of the facility that he and town assessor S. Teele had made. He indicated fire hazard potential of engine/generator building was very low because of metal/concrete construction materials. Site Plan approved... (M)T. Armstrong, (2)S. Jemison

2. River Myst Winery (Randy LaMay-owner): SH 37 Multi-use pole barn building: Approved unanimously.

3. CEO initiated discussion on relevance of his requiring SEQR forms to be filed by agricultural operations for which he contends that the town has no jurisdiction (that it is NY State DEC’s responsibility). Co-chair S. Wallace’s contrary contention was that, as a business, ag operations do fall under the board’s responsibility. No resolution of issue resulted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

For the Board’s consideration,

Steven Jemison, (Acting Recorder)