# MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BALDWIN PLANNING BOARD 

Planning Board Members Present: Tracy Grisez, Jo Pierce (Chair), David Strock, Matt Sanborn, and Don Sharp

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the prior meeting as distributed. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The Board heard from Chris Burnell -
He is interested in obtaining a mineral extraction permit. He owns property ( 952 Route 113) near where he lives. He had it stumped and sold off some of the topsoil. He was going to sell more, but Wes told him that he needed a permit to sell off more than 100 yards of topsoil per year. Mr. Burnell plans to use about $1 / 2$ of the existing pile of topsoil and wants to sell the rest.

Chair Pierce started to discuss the standards for mineral extraction in the Ordinance. At 10.6 , it says that you need a survey to get an extraction permit. Mr. Burnell stated that he did not believe he had a survey, but would look to confirm. Given the expense of a proper survey, he suggested it may not be worth the cost.

The Board heard from Walden Solar Maine (Kateline Nickerson, Paul Williamson and Greg Dixson (on phone)) were present:

Ms. Nickeron from Flycatcher had sent an email with the site distance information. Attached at end of the minutes. The information discussed the two potential entrances to the project. The applicant does not want to use the landing and wants to use continue to use the Deacon Road. The plan also shows the potential signage for Route 113.

A question was asked about when the project could start. Mr. Williamson stated that the project could not start during June or July because of bats. Most likely it would be late summer or early fall 2022.

Mr. Strock stated that he still had concerns with Deacon Road and would like the applicant to provide more information about any upgrading planned for the entrance area.

The Board decided to have a site walk on the $10^{\text {th }}$ at 9:00a and a public hearing on the $22^{\text {nd }}$ at $7: 00 \mathrm{p}$.

Ms. Nickerson stated that the site plan application would be submitted shortly and the Town would receive a copy. Mr. Stock asked that an electronic copy be provided.

## Subdivision Ordinance

The Board started to review the revised subdivision ordinance. A question arose - does the Board have to accept the State's definitions. Mr. Strock agreed to pose the question to the Town lawyer.

The Board received an update on LD1312 - Ms. Grisez informed the Board that the MMA's amended language was approved. It allows for a significant local control. It allows for one ADU, but the local ordinances could still control.

The Board discussed that, if someone adds an ADU, it does not trigger a separation of the land. There would be no subdivision issue if you add an ADU. One of the two dwellings must to be owner-occupied.

The Board heard from Sam and Jan Minervino
They purchased a 12-acre parcel on Route 11/107, on the North side of Grant Road. They intend to use the lot for boat storage and, eventually, maintenance. The Board discussed with the Minervinos the basic CUP process and encouraged the Minervinos to consider using Grant Road as an access point.

The Board discussed Nature's Wilderness Resort
There was concerned expressed about the accuracy of the 462 acres size. Several members of the public did not believe it was accurate. The Board decided to provide Wes a copy of the checklist of issues used last year and request that Wes look into it.

The meeting adjourned at around 9:00 pm.

June 24, 2021
Baldwin Planning Board
Town of Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin, Maine 04091

## Subject: Walden Solar Maine VI LLC, Baldwin 6 Solar Project Sight distance study results and traffic plan

Dear Board,
In response to the discussion that took place at the June 10, 2021 Planning Board meeting regarding Walden Solar's Baldwin 6 Solar Project (Project), the Project Team has completed a sight distance study for two potential access points off of Pequawket Trail and developed a construction period traffic control plan for the Project. We share the Planning Board's concern for safety of the residents of Baldwin and aim to develop a safe access point to the Project site during construction and through the life of the Project.

The enclosed sight distance study demonstrates the line of sight for Deacon Road is slightly longer than that of the existing logging entrance that occurs east of Deacon Road on Pequawket Trail. Both access points exceed the minimum standard of 550 ' set forth in the Town of Baldwin Land Use Ordinance.

In addition to exploring the safety of the Project access, our engineering team explored the logistics of a revised civil design to enter the Project at the existing logging landing. This entrance would require approximately 8,000 square feet of clearing within the proposed no-cut visual screening area along Pequawket Trail, as well as approximately 2,200 square feet of wetland impacts for the road. The current site plan (attached), with the proposed entrance from Deacon Road, does not require any impacts to wetlands or other sensitive natural resources and exceeds the sight distance standards from the Town Ordinance.

In addition to the sight distance study, the enclosed site plan shows a revised construction staging area along Deacon Road. This provides an approximately 40 -foot setback from Deacon Road to the staging area allowing a vegetated buffer to remain between the Project and the road. We believe this will satisfy the Board's concern regarding visual impacts of the Project along this section of Deacon Road visual impacts of the project from Pequawket Trail through the project access road.

As part of the Site Law application process, Flycatcher has undergone a viewshed analysis of the Project. We are including the figure generated for this analysis in the enclosed materials. In summary, there will be some visibility of Project along Town Farm Road, the Project entrance on Deacon Road, the proposed 50' wide clearing for the proposed interconnection on Pequawket Trail, and a few cleared locations with higher elevation southeast of the Project site. The Site Law application will provide a written narrative describing the potential visibility of the Project. A copy of the application will be provided to the town upon submittal to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

We appreciate the constructive discussion at the past few Planning Board meetings and look forward to scheduling the site walk and public hearing for the Project. If there are any questions please contact me at (207) 233-6175 or via email at katelin@flycatcherllc.com. You can also contact Walden's Development Director, Paul Williamson, at (207) 242-3521 or via email at paul.williamson@waldenrenewables.com.

Respectfully submitted,


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Authorized Permitting Agent
Flycatcher LLC
Attachments:

- Site Distance Study Results
- Traffic Plan
- Site Plan
- Viewshed analysis figure

Cc: Wes Sunderland (Baldwin), Brian Anderson (Baldwin), Paul Williamson (Walden), Greg Dixson (Krebs and Lansing) David Brenneman (Flycatcher)

June 22, 2021

## Memorandum Regarding Sight Distance Macdonald Property, Baldwin

To whom it may concern:
Sebago Technics is working with Flycatcher, LLC regarding a potential solar development located on State Route 113 and Deacon Road in the Town of Baldwin. The latest work performed by Sebago was performing a sight distance analysis at 2 locations as requested by the Town at a planning board meeting. (See Appendix A)
The Town of Baldwin has a set of standards for taking a sight distance at a distance of 12 feet off of the traveled way. Beyond this specification, the DOT standards were held when performing this work. The DOT standards say that the sight distance should be measured at a distance of 10 feet off of the traveled way, with an observation height of 3.5 feet measuring a target height of 4.25 feet.

The sight distances were measured as follows:

- Curb cut on Route 113 (55 MPH Roadway-550’)

Looking East: 600'+ Looking West: 630'+

- Deacon Road Entrance (55 MPH Roadway-550’)

Looking East: 615' Looking West: 635’+
(+ denotes additional distance achievable)


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