

TOWN OF PITTSTOWN

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MINUTES

A meeting of the **Zoning Board of Appeals** was held on **March 5, 2019** and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT were:

Frederick Howard, Chairman
David Schmidt
Todd Boomhower
Randy Hall
Scott Reiter

The only item on the agenda was the **BORREGO SOLAR** Public Hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing was read by the Secretary. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Greg Gibbons and Lindsay McEntyre. Mr. Gibbons explained the details of the project. Borrego plans to construct a solar panel farm at 1918 Tamarac Road. Mr. Gibbons said that there is 96 acres in the parcel and it consists of farmland and forests. There is some residential land around the site. There is a 10% slope on the site. There is also wetlands on the site. There will be a fence around the panels with a 9 foot maximum height. There will also be underground conduits that will proceed until they reach the power pole. 12.8 acres of trees will be cleared out and 17 +/- acres will be left. The wetlands are less than one-tenth of an acre. The applicant will be applying to the Army Corp of Engineers for a wetland permit. He said the new road will be permeable. The applicant completed a full EAF. The Pittstown Zoning Board is the lead agency for the project. Mr. Gibbons said that they will add a 911 sign on the premises. It will take 6 months to construct the farm. All power will be sold to residents in the vicinity. Questions were asked in a letter from Eastern Pittstown Fire District. The responses to those questions were ready into the record by Mr. Gibbons. Joshua Harris appeared on behalf of the fire department. There were no questions from the Board. There was a motion to close the Public Hearing by Member Reiter with a second by Member Boomhower and the vote was 5 – 0 in favor. The applicant had prepared a full EAF and the Board reviewed each portion of it. Based upon their review, the Board moved on a motion by Member Hall to issue a negative declaration. That motion was seconded by Member Reiter and the vote was 5 – 0 in favor.

The Board then moved to approve the project conditionally on a motion by Member Hall with a second by Member Boomhower and the vote was 5 – 0.

Chairman Howard pointed out that there are no new applications pending. If no new applications are submitted by March 15, 2019, then there will be no meeting in the month of March.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF PITTSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2019

There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting on a motion by Member Hall with a second by Member Reiter and the vote was 5 – 0 in favor.