

## Planning Board

Town of North Dansville & Village of Dansville  
14 Clara Barton Street  
Dansville, NY 14437

### Minutes for Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Nice at 7:00pm

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call:

Board Members:	Chairperson, Nancy Nice –	Present
	Tim Brinduse -	Present
	John Skillings -	Present
	Katie Infantino -	Present
	Jerry Freeman -	Present
	Jared Bridge -	Present
	Chuck Menosky -	Absent

**Guests:** Sherman Gittens, MRB Group; DRS: Kris Shultz, Matt M., David Gallo, Matt Liponis

**Minutes:** Motion by to accept the minutes, 2nd by . All in favor 0 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 .

#### New Business

##### Delaware River Solar

Matt LaPonis presented:

- The following documents were submitted to the Planning Board:
  - Project Summary
  - Maps
  - Specs for panels and equipment
- DRS is looking for site plan approval.
- Project first introduced in 2020.
- This is a Community Solar Project - NYSEG customers can subscribe to this program for electricity. Customers will receive a discount.
- Located off Main Street in Dansville
- 2.5 megawatt AC.
- Single access tracker will track the sun from east to west.
- Project is approximately 12 acres.
- Project is located on land currently owned by Livingston County IDA. We have an agreement with them. They can provide the Planning Board with a copy of the agreement with Livingston Country IDA.
- We have an interconnection agreement with NYSEG. Full approval from NYSEG for the project to move forward.
- State historical preservation - letter stating no impact.
- FAA - letter stating no impact.
- Consulted with US Fish and Wildlife.

- SQR is complete.
- They will plant screening to mitigate any visual impact.
- Project adheres to all set back requirements. No variances were needed.

**Tim**

- Pleased to see the landscaping plan was improved.

**Jared**

- What is the timeline? **DRS:** Approximately 3-6 months for construction.

**Sherman**

- The location of the interconnection will not change from where it is now? **DRS:** It's slightly different from the original plan, but it was moved based on where the poles were.

**Nancy**

- What are the proposed exterior materials? **DRS:** we will get you the details on how they are constructed and what they are made of.
- No forever chemicals in compliance with our code.
- Sherman noted that whatever they send will be a representation of what they will be using. They will not be exactly what they are using in the final project. **DRS :** solar technology is updated all the time and the final panels will be the most efficient ones in order to produce the most energy for the amount of space you are using. They will provide the latest specifications when they are reading to put those panels in. The specs will be sent to the code officer.
- Vehicle access - what will it be made of? **DRS:** Geo grid which is permeable. Access directly off the main road will be more durable.
- Will the whole road be constructed the same way? **DRS:** Construction road will be a temporary stone road, which will be removed at the end of construction. The soil will be decompacted and replaced with clean stone. New road will be pervious using honeycomb geo grid. You can drive on it but it doesn't look like asphalt.
- No need for a dumpster after construction according to **DRS.**
- According to **DRS** the loading areas will all be onsite. State will not allow loading on the state road.
- Snow removal for tracker panels? **DRS** - the snow will fall off as they track or they wait for it to melt off.
- Will the road be plowed? **DRS:** snow removal on an "as needed" basis. It won't be allowed to accumulate more than 6 inches. Snow will be pushed to the end of the hammerhead.
- No signage on the fence.
- No geodetic markings.
- No wetlands were found or will be disturbed.
- Not in a floodplain.
- Erosion and sediment control will be submitted digitally to the village and MRB Engineering by **DRS.**
- Maps are made based on their own data, they did not rely on Bergmann's specs.
- Two fire hydrants.
- Environmental impact statement has been done.
- They are working on a letter of credit with the Village of Dansville.
- A traffic study was not necessary.
- **DRS** will contact the DOT for a permit when they are ready to start the project.
- The fire department has approved the current configuration.
- The Planning Board will have to send the plan back to Livingston County.
- **DRS** will submit the letter from the FAA stating the rotating panels are in compliance.

- Decommissioning plan: approved by the ZBA with conditions. The Village Board will have to review that along with the value of the bond.

**Motion** by Katie Infantino to establish a public hearing on March 25, 2025 at 7pm, 2nd by John Skillings. All in favor 6 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 . **Motion passed.** No discussion.

#### **Sherman MRB comments**

- Updated plans should be delivered to the board 10 days before the meeting. DRS will send an electronic copy as well as 7 hard copies.
- The comments from MRB will be sent to DRS.

#### **Nancy**

- Landscaping coverage looks good.
- Make sure that plants get replaced in a timely manner.
- Growing season is May - November.
- We may do a community project planting sunflowers in the area between the road and the project fence.
- A list of all things discussed tonight will be sent to them.

**Motion** by Jared Bridge to adjourn, 2nd by Katie Infantino. All in favor 6 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 . **Motion passed.** No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

**Next Meeting** is March 25, 2025, at 7pm – Town Hall 14 Clara Barton St. Dansville.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Infantino, Secretary Planning Board