

TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Patrick François, Co-Chair Phyllis Bock, Justin Pruyne, Peter Alduino, Gerardo Carfagno, Minnie Dineen-Carey, Robert Lena, Kim Hughes - Secretary

Board Members Absent: Co-Chair Diane Dreier

Guests:

Patrick François called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place in Town Hall Board Room.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Communications Received:

Chair Persons Report: None

Reports from Other Committees: None

1. Granite Knolls Park – Solar Project

Updated Plans

Contact: Bergmann & Associates

Referral: Planning Department

Darius Chafizadeh discussed Granite Knolls Proposed Solar Project with the Conservation Board. The Board Mr. Chafizadeh reviewed the mitigation for the project. The Board explained that Eastern Hemlock (*Tsonga Canadensis*) is highly susceptible to infestation by hemlock wooly algid, which can kill hemlocks in 4 – 10 years. They advised that a different native tree be planted, either another evergreen or deciduous tree that will provide screening and visual interest. The Board agreed that there should be an area dedicated for educational material to be viewed on solar energy and how it is being utilized at the park. Installation of EV chargers in the parking area were discussed and should be installed. SWPP for the runoff from the solar canopies onto the paved parking area, which will replace the gravel lot should be reviewed and approved by engineering.

2. 7-Eleven Inc. 3451 Crompond Road

Updated Plans

Contact: Kristen Schawalder

Referral: Town Board

The Conservation Board discussed updated plans for 7-Eleven and agreed that there are no negative environmental impacts and suggest the project continue forward.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm with a motion from Peter Alduino with a second from Rob Lena.