

DRAFT
NORTH BENNINGTON WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
13 AUGUST 2023

PRESENT: David Shaughnessy, Steve Goodrich, Arla Sampsell, Ed Myers, Joe Herrmann, Ted Fela and April Paulin

David called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm

Steve presented the Board with a letter that he has composed for Attorney Frank Kochman regarding Shaftsbury's issues with the bond charges. The letter explained, in depth, of how the rate for the bond was figured, how payments were made and why the rate did not need to be increased for the other water users when Shaftsbury stopped paying towards the bond.

David moved to have Steve send the letter and materials presented tonight to our attorney for review so that that he may prepare a final draft for the Board. Arla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve has a meeting scheduled Thursday with the attorney.

SOLAR PROJECT

Dan Heil wants to meet with the Board to get the new revised plans for the transmission line replacement approved. There has not been another meeting with the engineer or their lawyer since the very first meeting. The Board does not want to sign off on the revised plans without having a signed agreement in place addressing the many concerns they have starting with costs for lawyers and engineers. The solar company has hinted at splitting the costs.

Ted suggested meeting with our lawyer and making a list of conditions that need to be addressed before going any further. Mark and Craig had sent their list of things they felt were important to address. The Board listed others such as warranty, what happens when the panels are decommissioned, or the land is sold and who is responsible for road maintenance.

The Board will work on a list of questions and concerns and will get the list to David to be consolidated and discussed at next month's meeting. Ted will contact Dan Heil and tell him the Board is working on it and David will contact our lawyer to bring him up to speed. The Board wants an agreement on reimbursement for the lawyer's expense before they get too deep into anything. And they will not approve the designs before having an agreement on the conditions.

Arla moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

April A. Paulin

