

Town of Madrid
Planning Board Meeting
December 4, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Members Present: Wayne Day, Ryan Dunphey, Joe Finnegan, Allen Kelly and Liana Sinclair

Others Present: Amy McDonough and Stephen Christy

Items discussed:

- Minutes from previous Planning Board meetings in October and November were presented by Chairperson Finnegan for correction. Mr. Dunphey motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Day seconded and all were in favor.
- Amy McDonough from Borrego Solar shared a presentation regarding large-scale solar panels and environmental permitting. Borrego Solar has started working in New York more recently and is interested in the Town of Madrid creating zoning laws that permit large-scale solar panels to be installed in Agriculture.
 - After extensively presenting information on Borrego Solar and how they work with Christy's company, Sustainable Energy, McDonough asked for any questions. Chairperson Finnegan asked how small of a scale installation Borrego would consider; McDonough responded by saying they have a sister company that will install very small-scale installations the size, small enough to accommodate the municipality of Madrid's building needs.
 - The Board then discussed what it would take to permit the installation of the solar panels. It was agreed upon that the installation of said panels could be permitted in Agriculture zoning through a special use permit. The Board asked McDonough and Christy for a sketch plan for the project so the Board can move forward appropriately. The Board will need to make an official decision at the next meeting in order for Borrego to move forward on the installation process.
- The Board reviewed the final draft of the proposed changes to the vehicle maintenance zoning. Mr. Day
- motioned to approve the draft and recommend approval by the Town Board and Mr. Dunphey seconded the motion.

After the Planning Board business was attended to, the meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 8 at 6:30pm at the Town Office.