

Minutes of the Nelson BOS Meeting 9/4/2020

Present for the Board: Gary Robinson, David Upton. Maury Collins

Present for the Nelson Highway Department: Mike Tarr

Present for South Pack Solar: Greg Blake, Seth Kallman

David Upton called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Upton began the discussion with the solar system contractor, Mr. Blake and Mr. Kallman, on the layout for the new solar array that would optimize its electrical output. Mr. Collins arrived at approximately 8:45 am.

It was determined, by consensus, that the optimum location for the array was at the northern most limit of the parking area behind the Town Barn, facing Solar South. The array would be positioned as far to the east as possible, limited by the location of the brook running through that area. This location was chosen in order to minimize shading from 5 or 6 large pine trees growing on a neighbor's property on the south side of the parking lot.

Mr. Tarr objected to the orientation of the layout asserting that it would take up too much of the useful area of the parking lot. Mr. Blake and Mr. Kallman stated that rotating the location of the array to a new position, approximately 10 degrees west of Solar South would not significantly reduce its annual electrical output. The Board agreed that the position of the array could be moved to this new location in order to accommodate Mr. Tarr's concerns.

Mr. Robinson agreed to contact the abutting neighbor to inquire if the trees in question could be donated to or purchased by the town. Removal of these trees would minimize any potential shading of the array.

The meeting adjourned at 10 am.

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For
September 4, 2020

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins, Selectman

Gary Robinson, Selectman