

**CITY OF EASTHAMPTON PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**  
50 Payson Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027



**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

**Planning Board Chair:** Jesse Belcher - Timme

**Planning Board Members:**

X	Jesse Belcher-Timme (Chair)	X	Harry Schumann (attended remotely)	X	James Zarvis
X	Daniel Hartman	X	Kenneth Iavecchia	X	Christopher Cockshaw

**Absent:** None

**Recording Clerk:** Eli Bloch

**City Planner:** Jeff Bagg

**Assistant Planner:** Eli Bloch

**Guests:** Jose Pichardo (remote attendance)

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00pm Chair Belcher-Timme

2. **Public Speak:** None

3. **Planning Board Minutes:** 12/20/2022, 01/03/23

Member Zarvis made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Member Hartmann seconded, and all voted in favor. Member Zarvis made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Member Hartmann seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. **ANR's**

5. **Public Hearings.**

1. **Solect Energy Development, LLC-** seeking a Special Permit for "a large solar energy facility" at the Wastewater Treatment Plant under section(s) 7.3, and 12.7 and Table 5-1 (19) of the Zoning Ordinance. The Property is located at 10 Gosselin Drive (Map 130, Lot 24) in the Industrial (I) zoning district.

Jose Pichardo of Green Seal Environmental LLC attended the meeting remotely to be available for questions on behalf of the applicant.

The Planning Board discussed the draft decision prepared for the application.

- The Board asked the applicant if they were okay with everything in the decision. The applicant had no requests to change anything.
- The Board pointed out numerous typos that should be changed.
- The Board discussed whether or not the financial surety should cover 125% the cost of removal. Ultimately they decided to do that and asked Assistant Planner Bloch to change the number in that condition.

**Vote**

Member Zarvis made a motion to approve the special permit for the Solar Array at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Member Cockshaw seconded. All voted in favor. Member Schumann voted remotely.

**6. Other Business:**

Member Zarvis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cockshaw seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Next Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM