

**Town of Lowville Special Board Meeting
August 13, 2020**

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lowville, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 5533 Bostwick Street, Lowville, NY on the 13th day of August 2020.

Present:

Randall Schell, Supervisor
Ruth Larabee, Councilwoman
John D. Ross, Councilman
Robert Mullin, Councilman
Paul Virkler, Councilman
Aimee Murphy, Town Clerk
Thomas Widrick, Highway Superintendent/Special Districts Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Supervisor Schell. The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss and approve the Decommissioning Plan for the proposed Solar Project on Waters Rd. in the Town of Lowville, and any other business that may come before the board.

Town Clerk Murphy provided the Board with a description of advertising of the special meeting, to wit: Posting on the Town Clerk's bulletin board, publication on the Town of Lowville website and linkinlewiscounty.com and posting at the Lowville Post Office.

Copies of the Decommissioning Plan were provided to the Board members for review, discussion followed.

Councilwoman Larabee is concerned with the use of the work "assumes" in the introduction, and would rather see the use of the word "shall" instead. Supervisor Schell suggested using the work "assures". After a brief discussion, it was decided that the sentence "The Plan assumes that a Solar Facility will be dismantled..." will be changed to "The Plan assures that a Solar Facility shall be dismantled"

Supervisor Schell explained that the Plan will be reviewed by the Town Board and the Project Owner every 5 years, along with the cost of the decommissioning.

After the discussion, the following resolution was presented.

Motion by Councilman Mullin, seconded by Councilman Ross to adopt **Resolution No. 21-2020**

"Accepting Decommissioning Plan for Proposed Waters Road Solar Project"

ADOPTED - AYES – Larabee, Mullin, Ross, Schell, Virkler NAYS – 0

WHEREAS US Light Energy has proposed a Solar Project on the property of Jeremy & Andrea Steria on Waters Road, in the Town of Lowville, which requires a "Decommissioning Plan", and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Lowville has received and reviewed said "Decommissioning Plan", be it therefore

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RESOLVED that the Town of Lowville Town Board accepts the “Decommissioning Plan” as modified.

Gordon Rd. Bridge

Superintendent Widrick reported that with the use of an online program, he has determined that the steel removed from the Gordon Road Bridge is approximately 11.5 tons. David Byler has indicated that he is interested in purchasing the scrap steel for \$60/ton.

Councilman Ross believes that the steel is worth much more than that. He has spoken with another individual who may be interested in purchasing the scrap steel for \$120/ton.

Councilman Mullin stated that he would like to sell for at least \$80/ton.

Superintendent Widrick state that he would like the scrap steel to be declared surplus and to sell the scrap steel.

After discussion the follow motion was presented.

Motion by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Laribee, to declare the scrap steel from the Gordon Road Bridge as surplus and to offer said steel at \$100/ton to David Byler, then, if not accepted, to Jerry Kloster for the same rate.

ADOPTED - AYES – Laribee, Mullin, Ross, Schell, Virkler NAYS – 0

Supervisor Schell reported that he had a telephone conversation with Lewis County Planning Director, Cassandra Buell regarding signage at the JCC building on East Road. There is a \$100 fee for the permit. Mrs. Buell was wondering if the Town would consider waiving the permit fee for the County, or if not, would the Town would accept a purchase order since the County only writes checks once per month.

Motion by Councilman Virkler, seconded by Councilman Mullin to accept a purchase offer from Lewis County to cover the cost of the zoning permit application.

ADOPTED - AYES – Laribee, Mullin, Ross, Schell, Virkler NAYS – 0

Motion by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Mullin to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

ADOPTED - AYES – Laribee, Mullin, Ross, Schell, Virkler NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee L. Murphy, RMC
Town Clerk