**Town of Madrid**

**Planning Board Minutes**

**December 7, 202**

Time 6:30

Attendees: Joe Finnegan Chr., Allen Kelly Sec., Wayne Day, Bill Hull, Bruce Durant, Jeff’s Gilson Code Enf.

Tony Cooper Sup.

Others: John McCullen Project Manager for LF Energy and Brian Mitchum of Martin Construction Resources.

The minutes of the November meeting were distributed electronically prior to tonight’s meeting for review. A motion to approve those minutes as written was made by Bill Hull And seconded by Bruce Durant. The minutes were then approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Old Business:

Mr. John McCulllen said that they, LF Energy, and Mapleview Farms are seeking a Negative Declaration on the SEQRA by the Planning Board so as to allow them to move forward with the Biodigester Project. They have begun some preparations on the concrete work for the holding tanks. He believes this is possible as it only affects about 5 Acres of the property and is under the threshold that would require full permitting for them to start construction activities. This would involve the placement of footers and concrete walls up past grade. The depth of these tanks would be about 12-15 foot deep. They would extend 2-3 foot above grade and then would be encapsulated/capped off to retain the methane gas which would then be captured processed and refined and distributed via an onsite pipeline into Liberty Gas pipelines located on the Sweet Road for use by their customers.

There needs to be a public hearing held on the Digester Project possibly in December contingent upon how things progress. This Notice should happen on December 11th and the Public Hearing should be held on December 18th at 6:00 at the Town Offices. After this they will be a Public comment Period of 14 days where public comments can be submitted in writing to present concerns anyone might have about the impact this project might have upon the community.

A decommissioning plan and a bond is generally required with projects if they were to go out of business in the future. It is expected that this project will also be required to have a similar bond to ensure that the property will be restored if the project is terminated in the future.

Jeff Gilson of Code Enforcement is going to issue a temporary permit to pour concrete with ATL to act as an engineering firm to oversee the quality of the materials used.

New Business: Tony Cooper said that on the Madrid Solar Project the Developer is inquiring on the Status of the SEQRA and the ZBA review of that document and the decision that they will be making on the appeal of the Planning Board’s refusal of the project because it the Property is zoned RH and it is not a permitted use under the Zoning Code.

Other Business:

A company called CSM energy Wants to build a very large Solar farm in Lisbon with part also being in the Town of Waddington also. JP Fetterly of Madrid owns property adjacent to that proposed project where they would want to build and Electical Sub Station to service this large commercial Solar Project Proposal. It is expected that Mr. Fetterly will be applying for a permit for this in the future if the Project goes forward.

Bill Hull Made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 The motion was seconded by Bruce Durant. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

8:03 Meeting was adjourned.