

Richmond Planning Board Meeting  
Town Hall  
Minutes  
September 26, 2023

Members present: Richard Bell, Douglas Bruce (Chairman), John Hanson, Katherine Keenum, Pete Lopez

Others present: Tajine Monjardo, Richmond; Philip Leslie, Trinity Solar; Regis Donovan, *Richmond Record*

Mr. Bruce opened the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

1. The first order of business was to review the results of the evening's public hearing on a petition from Tajine Monjardo for a special permit to install a ground-mounted solar system at 282 Canaan Road. (See the minutes of the Planning Board's Public Hearing of September 26, 2023, which include the cover letter and petition form.) Members agreed that no further discussion was required.

Mr. Bruce then read aloud each item on the form entitled "Findings Pursuant to Sections 4.8.B.17c and 13 of the Zoning By-Law/Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System Special Permit Request." On each item, he took a roll call vote. The votes to agree were unanimous (see Appendix 1).

Mr. Bruce called for a motion that Mr. Monjardo's request for a special permit be granted. Mr. Hanson so moved. Mr. Lopez seconded. The vote to grant the petition was unanimous, 5–0.

Mr. Hanson undertook to provide Mr. Bruce with an example of a Notice of Decision for the chairman to sign and take to the Town Clerk. Ms. Keenum undertook to take the evening's signed Findings form to the Town Clerk.

2. Mr. Bruce called for any comments on the minutes for September 11, 2023. There being none, he called for a motion to approve. Mr. Hanson so moved. Mr. Bell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 5–0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Keenum, Clerk

Next scheduled meeting: November 13, 2023

Appendix 1: Findings

RICHMOND PLANNING BOARD

FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 4.8.B.17C AND 13 OF THE ZONING BY-LAW

GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM SPECIAL PERMIT REQUEST

Tajine Morgardo  
Applicant's name

Findings Abbreviations: Y = Yes N = No

a. Is in compliance with all provisions and requirements of the By-law, and in harmony with its general purpose and intent.

Discussion: *None*

Votes: Mr. Bruce  Mr. Bell  Mr. Hanson  Ms. Keenum  Mr. Lopez

b. Is not undesirable or does not substantially derogate from the public good or convenience at the proposed location.

Discussion: *None*

Votes: Mr. Bruce  Mr. Bell  Mr. Hanson  Ms. Keenum  Mr. Lopez

c. Will not be detrimental to adjacent uses or to the established or future character of the neighborhood.

Discussion: *None*

Votes: Mr. Bruce  Mr. Bell  Mr. Hanson  Ms. Keenum  Mr. Lopez

d. Will not create undue traffic congestion or unduly impair pedestrian safety.

Discussion: *None*

Votes: Mr. Bruce  Mr. Bell  Mr. Hanson  Ms. Keenum  Mr. Lopez

e. Will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system or any other municipal facility to such an extent that the proposed use or any existing use in the immediate area or in any other area of the town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting public health, safety or welfare.

Discussion: *None*

Votes: Mr. Bruce  Mr. Bell  Mr. Hanson  Ms. Keenum  Mr. Lopez

PLANNING BOARD CLERK'S SIGNATURE

*Katherine Keenum*

Katherine Keenum, Clerk

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