



# Town of Georgia

---

47 Town Common Road North • St. Albans, VT 05478  
• Phone: 802-524-3524 • Fax: 802-524-3543 • website: townofgeorgia.com

## GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2022

**Minutes approved May 3, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Suzanna Brown, Gilles Rainville, Greg Drew, Cheryl Letourneau

**Board Members Absent:** James Powell

**Staff Present:** Emily Johnson, Zoning Administrator

**Others Present:** Richard & Michelle Paya, Martha Staskus from Norwich Solar Technologies, Inc

**Suzanna Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**Suzanna opened the floor for Richard & Michelle Paya and their representative Martha Staskus to talk about their request for the DRB to sign-off on the “Preferred Site” location for the expansion to their existing solar array at 331 Carpenter Hill Rd.**

- Martha explained what steps they had taken with the state in regard to expanding the solar array located on the Paya’s property at 331 Carpenter Hill Rd. She noted that they had already submitted an application to the Public Utility Commission, ANR had done a site visit, and all items had been filed with the agency.
- Martha stated that there was no additional work needed for interconnectivity (connecting the new trackers to the existing trackers). She also noted that the new trackers were to be set behind the existing ones and would be similar in look.
- Suzanna mentioned that a lot of water drained down from that area in town, though not necessarily just at this lot. She asked if there were to be any changes to drainage at the site. Martha replied that there would not be as they were using existing infrastructure which would mean minimal ground disturbance.
- Gilles Rainville asked if the installation of the posts for the trackers included digging a hole and pouring concrete. Richard Paya replied that the units they have did not require digging a hole and pouring a concrete footing, rather the posts would screw into the ground about six feet deep.
- Suzanna asked if the other board members had any questions. Greg Drew said he was interested in the screwing aspect of the installation and noted there was a lot of ledge in that area. Greg asked if there had been any issues with the screw-style installation thus far. Richard replied that they had had no issues at all.

- Gilles asked if there would be any glare coming off the trackers. Richard said there would not be any. Suzanna asked if the trackers were facing North/South or East/West. Richard answered East/West.
- Cheryl Letourneau asked how many total trackers were being added. Richard said they were adding fifty (50). Cheryl followed up by asking how many trackers were there now. Richard replied there were twenty-four (24) currently.
- Suzanna asked for any more questions. Hearing none, she said that she would sign the letter for the “Preferred Location” and pass it along to Amber Baker for the Selectboard to review and issue their comments.

**The March 15, 2022, DRB draft meeting minutes were reviewed. Greg Drew motioned to accept the March 15, 2022; meeting minutes as submitted. Cheryl Letourneau seconded. All were in favor.**

**The board reviewed the draft decision for FP-001-22, Applicant Woondladder Realty, LLC. Minor corrections were made.**

**Gilles Rainville motioned to end the meeting, Greg Drew seconded. All were in favor. The DRB meeting on Tuesday April 5, 2022, ended at 7:43 p.m.**

**Selectboard Concerns:** None

**Next meeting:** April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily R. Johnson, Zoning Administrator