

Norwich PC Special Meeting Minutes -9/19/23

Members Present: Vince Crow, Jaan Laaspere, Bob Pape, Kris Clement

Public: Kathleen Shepard, Bob Gere, Linda Gray, Mary Albert

Meeting Opened: 6:03 pm

1. Approve Agenda:
Clement Moved, seconded by Pape, to approve the agenda
Motion passes 4-0
2. Review 249 Bragg Hill Rd Hennessey net-metering PV application.

Laaspere summarized that the meeting is regarding a net-metering application for a 50 kW solar array on the Hennessey property on Bragg Hill road.

He also stated that this project appears to qualify as a Category 2 net-metering system which means ground mounted, more than 15kw, less than 150kW and sited on a preferred site.

The preferred site designation comes from the PUC regulations [5.100] and has nothing to do with the town plan or the Planning Commission's discretion. One criteria for preferred site designation is to have at least 50% of the system's electrical output used by the landowner or an adjoining landowner. This application states that 100% of the electricity will be used on site.

He continued stating that the Planning Commission can intervene and ask for party status, which would give the PC the right to appeal the PUC decision and be notified of all activity. However, there would need to be substantive issues to justify an appeal.

The group had consensus that the application straightforward and accurate, and did not require any action by the PC at this time.

3. Adjourn

Minutes by Vince Crow on 9/21/23

APPROVED 11-07-2023