**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

**Planning Board**

**July 22, 2020**

**HYBRID ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**6 p.m.**

**Present:** Chairman Johnathan Stevenson, Mike Bruno, Chris McGrath, Marie Stevenson, Kim Koprowski, Kevin Roy, and Chris Jensen

**Alternates:** Peter Roy

**Excused absence:** Anthony Rodrigues

Board members were remote and at the Town Hall. Board member Chris McGrath, Kim Koprowski, Marie Stevenson, and Kevin Roy were at the town hall meeting room. Johnathan Stevenson, Mike Bruno, and Chris Jensen were remote. Chris McGrath wanted to be on record for saying that the call in feature was not available for the ZOOM meeting.

Chair Stevenson opened the meeting and then read the agenda.

Minutes from June 24, 2020

Chris McGrath asked if the board would skip over minutes and do the RUDARPA extension request for the Renewable Natural Gas Facility, located at 593 Trudeau Road first. The board was in agreement.

Mr. Darling: RUDARPA VP Sales and Government Relations was on the ZOOM call.

He explained his request; Covid issues and many of their critical partners and suppliers and their employees are still working from home. They expect to start working in August.

Mr. Bruno asked if there were any changes to their original Site Plan from November 2018. Mr. Darling answered: no changes.

Chris Jensen asked Mr. Darling is RUDARPA was still dealing with Liberty Utilities. The answer was: yes, we are.

Chris McGrath motion to approve a 1-year extension for RUDARPA. Mike Bruno second 6-1 Mr. Jensen abstained motion passed

After the vote Mr. Jensen asked Mr. Kevin Roy why he did not recuse himself since state records show that he is the business agent for Rudarpa Holdings. Mr. Roy said he did not think of it and he explained that this project was already approved back in November of 2018.

 Mr. Jensen said in his opinion being a company official and voting is a clear conflict-of-interest.

Mr. McGrath said that the motion would still pass with or without Mr. Roy recusing himself.

**Closed RUDARPA request for extension**

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Chris McGrath motion to approve minutes. Marie Stevenson second. 6-1 Mike Bruno abstained Motion passed

**Other business**

Board members would be interested in having a tour of the new AHEAD project. Mr. McGrath would like to ask NHMA if there would be any issues related to this visit.

Gravel Pit inspections will be due in August. Deb Bayley will call all 3 pit owners and request a convenient time to inspect. Inspection will be limited to 2 board members with Covid protocol in place.

Marie Stevenson motion to adjourn. Kim Koprowski second 6-1

Chris McGrath opposed passed

Adjourned: next meeting August 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted

Deb Bayley p/z Clerk