

Town of Berkshire Vermont

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, October 13, 2022

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

DRB Members Present: Dustin Broe, Claude Charron, Jason Doe, Russ Ford, Jason Jutras, Kris Lanz, Margo Sherwood

DRB Members Absent: Carl Ruprecht

Zoning Administrator / DRB Clerk: Ann Lavery

Interested Parties: :Mark Larose, Randy Brock, Andy Smith, Michael Gervais, Mark St. Pierre, Ron Shems, Jared Williams, Mark Hill, Greg Morse, Tom Murray, Amanda St. Pierre, Bradley St.Pierre, Megan St.Pierre

Site Visit commenced at 6 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

★ NEW BUSINESS

Site Visit to Pleasant Valley Farms. Met with Mark, Amanda, Bradley, and Megan St.Pierre and Jared Williams and Mark Hill from Bellevue RNG. This tour was open to the public and was recorded. The recording is available for viewing by request.

Jared & Mark from Bellevue RNG presented plans to convert the St.Pierre's existing digester to a digester that will produce natural gas. The new digester and office / storage buildings will be located along a Class 4 Road and meet all dimensional standards for the Town of Berkshire Land Use Regulations. After listening to an overview of the plans and walking the site the group returned to the Town Hall for further presentation and discussion.

Bellevue RNG and VGS (Vermont Gas Systems) representatives answered many questions as to safety, costs, construction, and environmental issues. The Presentation concluded and the DRB then proceeded with their regular meeting.

The DRB discussed this proposed project at great length.

A motion was made by Jason J. and seconded by Margo to submit a letter in support of the **BELLEVUE RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS LINE AND VGS SERVICE ROLLOUT.**

Motion was approved by **unanimous vote.**

★ OLD BUSINESS

Ann shared a concern from a Berkshire resident about noise and potential of Wedding and Party Sites being approved. Planning Commission is working on this issue.

Ann also shared her observation tour, comments ensued.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2022 Russ states he was present at this meeting. Minutes amended to note that. Moved by Jason, Second by Dustin to Approve **Unanimous Approval.**

★ ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Russ, Second by Jason J. to adjourn meeting at 9:50 PM. **Unanimously Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann E. Lavery

