

CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021 6:00 PM
PROPOSED AGENDA
MEETING VIA A ZOOM WEBINAR

NOTES TO PUBLIC:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Planning Board will not physically be meeting in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to conduct the May 12, 2021 Board meeting. Thus, the public will have no access to City Hall during the meeting. The Board will be conducting the meeting electronically via a ZOOM webinar, and Board members will be participating in the meeting via ZOOM from their respective homes.

Persons who want to view the meeting can do so on the live stream on the City of Belfast website, cityofbelfast.org, or watch it live on BEL-TV. The video of the meeting will be posted on the city website a day or two after the meeting is conducted.

The Board will be conducting a public hearing on Shining Solar Partners LLC's Large-Scale Solar Energy System development at this meeting. Persons who wish to offer comment will be considered by the Planning Board during the public hearing period. Concerned Citizens can offer comment in any of the following ways:

- 1) In advance of the meeting/hearing, you can submit comment by email to jboynton@cityofbelfast.org. The Board considers email comment the same as oral comment offered at the hearing. Comment sent to this email address must be received by 2:00 pm on May 12, 2021. This is the preferred way to offer comment.
- 2) You can submit a letter in advance of the hearing to: City of Belfast, Code and Planning Dept, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915. Letters must be received by 2:00 pm on May 12, 2021.
- 3) You can submit comment via email during the meeting to public@cityofbelfast.org. City staff will monitor this email account and will read any email submitted to the Board.
- 4) You can submit oral comment by participating on the ZOOM platform by using the following connection.

Zoom meeting information

URL:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82032175603
Webinar ID	820 3217 5603
Phone	1 646 558 8656

BOARD AGENDA

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** Hugh Townsend, Chair, Geoff Gilchrist, Secretary, David Bond, Wayne Corey, and Daisy Beal regular members, and Kathleen Dunckel, associate member.

2. Adoption of Agenda.

3. Review of Meeting Minutes

4. Development Review – Preliminary and Final Site Plan Review – Shining Solar Partners LLC – Large Scale Solar Energy System – 51 Back Searsport Road, Map 7 Lot 2

Shining Solar Partners LLC, a subsidiary of EDF Renewables, is proposing to construct a large-scale solar energy system at 51 Back Searsport Road, Map 7, Lot 2. This parcel of land is 80.6 acres in size and the developer is proposing to develop about 19.05 acres of land. The developer is proposing to install 16,458 solar panels, construct a 16 ft wide access road, extend Three-Phase Power about 135 ft. up Back Searsport Road, install fencing and plantings to screen the development from the existing residential use on the property as well as to screen the solar development from Back Searsport Road.

4.1 Staff Summary and Applicant Presentation

4.2 Planning Board Public Hearing

4.3 Board Review and Discussion

5. Code and Planning Department Report - Bub Fournier, Director, Code & Planning

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment