



# Town of China

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## **China Planning Board Meeting February 8, 2020**

Approved by Planning Board by a vote of 4-0 on February 11, 2020

**Location:** Willette gravel pit; Map 12, Lot 28 of the Town of China Tax Maps  
**Heino Lane, China, Maine**

**Board Members Present:** Toni Wall, Tom Miragliuolo

**Board Members Not Present:** Natale Tripodi, Randall Downer, James Wilkens

**Codes Enforcement Officer Bill Butler conducted an earlier site visit and was not present**

**Attendees:** Joe Marden, Sitelines; Kevin Corbett, SunRaise Investments; Lisa Vickers, Atlantic Environmental; Peter Moulton, abutter; Nanette and Bob Bennett, abutter; Jean Dempster, abutter; C. Andrew Turgeon, abutter; Michael Willette, property owner.

**Limits of visit:** Due to snow cover and cold conditions the site visit was conducted from the gravel parking area at the pit entrance. This area is not part of the proposed development but has a clear view to the majority of the land proposed for development.

Meeting opened by Chairman Miragliuolo at 9:40am

### **Introduction**

Chairman Miragliuolo opened the site visit with a brief introduction that included:

- why a site visit is necessary and ground rules for the site visit
- it was pointed out that the project is on the agenda for 2/11 and the public will have opportunities for input
- all in attendance introduced themselves

### **New Business**

Representatives of SunRaise Development LLC, introduced the solar array project. Representatives described the project and pointed out the approximate location of new access roads. Survey maps were on display and 11"x17" copies were made available for the attendees. The project was described as having 17,880 solar panels covering about 21 acres of the western portion of the property. All access and utility connections were said to be from Heino Lane.

### **Public Questions/Comments**

The public was given the opportunity to speak at any time during the site visit. Most attendees did ask questions. Questions included:

- How long will construction take? A: approximately 18-month; starting in the Fall of 2020.
- What kind of traffic is expected? A: all traffic is over Heino Lane and will be heaviest during construction but will be very minimal once operational. Approximately 2 times per year for mowing and maintenance.



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- What type of overhead utilities are expected on Heino Lane? A: Regular wood poles with 3-phase power. Some upgrades will be needed along Route 32.
- Will the public have access to recreate on the land once operational? A: No, there will be a 7' fence around the solar array.
- Will the power stay in the local community? A: No, it will be sold to the grid and available for all.
- Who can invest in the project? A: It's unknown at this time but could theoretically be anyone from anywhere.
- How much power will be generated? A: approximately 7MW.
- Where can we see a copy of the proposal? A: A copy is located at the town office.

## **Future Schedule and Adjourn:**

Site visit was completed at 10:10am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Toni Wall & Tom Miragliuolo