

PLANNING BOARD

Town of Lewiston 1375 Ridge Road Lewiston New York

Thursday – February 19, 2026

Agenda- David Piwtorak 2078 Ridge Road (A)

Present: Baker, Conrad, Gallo, Hannon, Lilly, Taczak

Abstain: Sandonato

Presiding: William Conrad, Chairman

Conrad: I would just like to welcome the 4 people who are here for the February Planning Board meeting for the Town of Lewiston.

Roll Call

Abstained Henry Sandonato

Conrad: I would like to welcome our new board member Mr. Dennis Hannon. Welcome to the aboard.

Hannon: Thank you!

Conrad: A motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2025, was made by Baker, seconded by Taczak and carried.

Conrad: So, this is a public hearing for the ground mounted solar energy system at 2078 Ridge Road. So, a motion to open the public hearing.

Lilly: I'll make a motion to open the public hearing.

Conrad: Anyone here in the audience want to speak for or against the project? You know what come on up and just tell us what your project is first.

CIR: I am the installer CIR Electrical.

Conrad: Your name please.

Jordan Yaks.

Conrad: And you're from CIR

Yaks: CIR electric. We will be doing installation we are doing a 7.95kw solar system in the backyard. It is I think they got the variance...

Conrad: Yes.

Yaks: Approval last meeting for a half-acre. I think there's if you want to clarify the height.

Conrad: Yes.

Yaks: It does say the plan set for the ground mount itself shows 130 inches of elevation of the backside of the array would be the highest point. So that's about 11 feet.

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Conrad: I think it was the schedule of the

Taczak: C2 said 18 feet 11 inches

Conrad: Top left corner on the plan

Lilly: On this drawing here. If you want to peak at this real quick, I've got it.

Yaks: Alright.

Lilly: To that page if you will. This seems to match but that 19 feet high.

Yaks: Yeah.

Lilly: Seems to be extremely high I guess and probably doesn't need to be that high.

Gallo: We can do the trigonometry what's the pitch?

Yaks: It's a 26-degree pitch. I have the drawings. Do you have the drawings for the actual racking?

Taczak: Would they have been in here?

Yaks: Yeah. It looks like they took the way the array is like I said it's a flat square. That's 20 by 17 ½ that's what it looks like the point of set for the array.

Taczak: Oh ok.

Yaks: This is where it's 11 feet that's the evaluation.

Conrad: And that what we are going by.

Yaks: Yeah.

Lilly: This is what you have presented

Yaks: 130 inches.

Talking

Yaks: I think this means the square footage.

Talking

Conrad: Just for clarification we will give it 11 feet. Anything else you'd like to say about the project?

Yaks: No

Conrad: Sir are you the owner Mr. Piwtorak anything you'd like to say about your project?

Piwtorak: No.

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Conrad: Alright then we can close the public hearing since there is no one in the audience.

Taczak: I'll make a motion to close the public hearing.

Conrad: A Second please.

Lilly: I'll second it.

Conrad: All in favor.

Members: AYE

Conrad: Alright I believe we can now move forward with the discussion about the project. Any questions from the Board?

Lilly: Yes, will there be any screening of any sort? Any sort of screening? Shrubbery, fence anything of that nature? NO?

Yaks: No.

Lilly: I am not saying that there has to be I'm just asking if there is.

Yaks: No.

Conrad: Is there any existing structures within 500 feet I know they are not on the property but on or off the property?

Gallo: There's going to be homes

Taczak: Family homes within 500 feet.

Conrad: No, no, no right. Any other?

Taczak: Oh, I am sorry my fault.

Yaks: There's neighbors.

Conrad: Any battery storage?

Piwtorak: No.

Conrad: Ok.

Gallo: The elevation of the height your back far enough that even in the winter these panels will work right?

Yaks: Well yeah as long as they are not covered in snow. Back far enough from the dwelling.

Masters: It will be facing away from the dwelling.

Yaks: Yeah.

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Masters: It will be facing south.

Conrad: Facing south.

Taczak: The dwellings north of the array.

Masters: The house is north of that.

Gallo: On Ridge Road?

Taczak: He's just south of Ridge Road and the array is behind his house.

Conrad: He's on the North side of Ridge Road.

Gallo: Oh ok.

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Conrad: He has a PHD sorry.

Gallo: The staple was in the way of the compass.

Conrad: Any other questions from the Board? Comments?

Lilly: I just have a couple quick comments. The Zoning Board has approved it got their blessings. It seems to meet the requirements through the solar rules and regulations for the Town of Lewiston so. I don't see any issue with it myself.

Conrad: Mr. Bax. Do we have to go though and approve SEQRA first.

Bax: I would.

Conrad: So, it's going to be a type 2 action right.

Bax: Correct.

Conrad: So, could I have a motion to approve SERQA and with a negative declaration. We not the Town Board approve the negative declaration on these so. Recommend. No, we don't recommend we are the approving body.

Masters: You guys are the approving body for this.

Conrad: So, we are not making a recommendation. So, if I can have a motion to approve SEQRA.

Lilly: I'll make a motion to approve SEQRA as a negative declaration.

Taczak: I'll second it.

Conrad: All in favor.

Members: AYE.

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Conrad: And the site plan is there a motion to...will anyone care to make a motion regarding the site plan whether or approval or disapproval.

Lilly: I'll make a motion again to approve the applicant's application for the solar array panel.

Conrad: I there a second?

Taczak: I'll second it again.

Conrad: Any further discussion? All in favor

Members: AYE.

Conrad: Any old business to come before the Board? Ok

Taczak: I guess that means I will make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Conrad: I didn't ask yet.

Taczak: Oh, I am sorry. You had that look on you.

Conrad: is there a second?

Lilly: Second.

Conrad: All in favor.

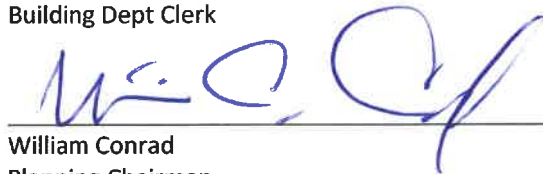
Members: AYE.

Conrad: Thank you!

Respectively submitted,



Lisa Wisnieski
Building Dept Clerk



William Conrad
Planning Chairman