

Town of Hoosick  
Special Meeting  
Monday February 22, 2016 7:26 PM

***Special Meeting to Discuss Local Law #1, 2016 Solar Taxation, and Local Law #2, 2016 Solar Moratorium***

***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Roll Call:*** Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki, Jenn Hyde

***Discussion by the Board on Local Law #1, 2016 Taxation - Solar Farms***

Surdam: Not comfortable with LL #1, there are still options to look into. Larry Bugbee at the Public Hearing made some excellent points and that the Governor is pro solar and green energy.

Sutton: the taxation law would close the door on solar, also interested in getting more information about a pilot program to see if that is the way to proceed.

Hyde: Would like to see information on a pilot program rather than approve the taxation law.

Sheffer: Looking at the future and by adopting the taxation law would close the door and hurt the community. Not in favor of the law.

Sutton and Surdam: Asked about payment in lieu of taxes

Town Attorney: Payment in lieu of taxes can be set up anyway you want. They would pay upfront .

- The Board all agreed to table Local Law #1, 2016

***Motion to table Local Law #1, 2016***

Sutton made the motion to table Local Law #1, 2016, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: No,

Sutton: yes, Hyde: yes, Surdam: yes, Wysocki: abstain. ***Motion was approved 3-1***

***Discussion by the Board regarding Local Law #2, 2016 Solar Moratorium***

Sheffer: Not in favor of a moratorium

Sutton: Not in favor of a moratorium

Hyde: Not in favor of a moratorium. If the Zoning Board starts getting hit with numerous solar farm requests, the Town Board can then step in and put a moratorium in place.

Sheffer and Hyde: Both said the Zoning Board has done a great job with the current solar farms and has followed the correct procedure.

- ***Motion to send resolution for a moratorium to the Renss. County Dept. of Economic Dev. & Planning for their review.***

Sutton made the motion, Surdam seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: no, Sutton: no, Hyde: no, Surdam: no, Wysocki: abstain. ***Motion to send the resolution denied.***

***Executive Session to Interview an environmental attorney***

Sutton made the motion to enter executive session, Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.

***Close Executive Session 8:51 pm***

Sutton made the motion, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

***Adjournment of Special Meeting 8:51 pm***

Hyde made the motion to adjourn, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Stradinger  
Hoosick Town Clerk