

## Town of Hoosick Planning Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2018

Present: Chairman Penny Acree, Adria Diel, Mike Bacon, Daryl Cipperly  
Clark Brenenthul and Attorney Dennis King

Absent: Ken Lorenz

The Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Penny Acree with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Daryl Cipperly to approve the January 2018 minutes, seconded by Clark Brenenthul, all in favor, motion granted.

The Planning Board reviewed the Ethics Forms and filled out the forms.

The Planning Board reviewed the proposed 2018 Solar Law. The board stated that there is a chart referenced but not included. The Planning Board stated that on large scale systems it may be impossible to restore the land to its original condition, they discussed whether the language should require restoration to original condition only to the extent possible or to some otherwise defined status. The board also stated that there was nothing in proposal as to permit density of solar arrays. The board had a discussion on the removal of solar arrays after they no longer are useful, should there be a bond or undertaking be required for the demolition or is the provisions allowing the Town to remove them and charge the cost back to the landowner adequate? The board wanted to know if the law pertains to all forms of solar or just photovoltaic. The Planning Board stated that there is nothing for small commercial solar arrays therefore the categories may need further work. For the site plan review, by either the Planning Board or Zoning Board, the board would like to see explicit standards set forth, they feel there are no standards other than large scale projects and also if there is a special permit required the Zoning Board should do the site plan review not the Planning Board. The board would like to know about fencing of the project and should there be provisions to encourage community projects. The board wanted to know if there should be provisions for battery storage units for the large scale projects.

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Attorney King will put together a memo from the Planning Board and email Mark Surdam with the concerns discussed by the Planning Board.

A motion was made by Mike Bacon to adjourn the Planning Board meeting, seconded by Adria Diel, all in favor, motion granted.

Karen Jennings  
Secretary

Minutes approved by Planning Board on 4/16/2018