

Town of Greenville
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Public Hearing: Solar Law Changes
April 18th, 2022 6:30pm

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on April 18th, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Hall to discuss amending Local Law #2 of 2018 Zoning Law to Modify Solar Regulations. All Board members were present as well as 17 guests. Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present via teleconference. Supervisor Macko opened the public hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 pm.

Attorney Tal Rappleyea gave an overview of the work that he and the Planning Board had done to make these amendments. Planning Board Chair Don Teator emphasized that the goal was to make the law more 'user-friendly' and to ensure more accountability.

Public Remarks/Discussion

Mr. Ken Kellerman – Asked if the Town was going to setup a Solar Facility and if there would be public hearings for proposed viewsheds. Supervisor Macko informed him that the Town was not setting up a Solar Facility and that there will be open meeting regarding the proposed viewsheds.

Ms. Anita Zibura—inquired about the viewshed provisions/committee. Attorney Tal Rappleyea informed her that the provisions are in place but the Town needs to put a committee together to solidify the designated areas.

Planning Board Chair Don Teator – Expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Planning Board to all who helped make the revisions to the law.

Mr. Stephen King – Asked what the largest footprint of a solar facility could be. The Board responded 25 acres.

Ms. Deborah Macko—Asked if the solar facilities will all be right on the roadside or will they be hidden? The Board shared examples of solar facilities in other townships that were not visible from the road and informed her that at this time there are no new facilities that have been applied for. The Board expressed that as a community we would like to make it so they aren't as visible and that is why they are here to discuss it. Ms. Macko asked the Board why the Town would setup this law if there aren't any projects in process. The Board assured her that it was for future projects and to apply to anyone that applies within the Township.

Ms. Sherri Baron – Asked how the viewsheds work and how/if the State was involved. Attorney Tal Rappleyea explained that for the NYS scenic byways the Town applies to the State and they go through an approval process. The Town deemed viewsheds would be filed under local Zoning Laws. Attorney Rappleyea also emphasized that Town deemed viewsheds would only fall under Town law, not State law.

Ms. Melanie Lekocic – Asked the Board if there would be a vote tonight on the amended law to which Supervisor Macko responded there would not be.

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Ms. Christine Mickelsen – Expressed her appreciation to the Planning Board for all of their effort in making these revisions to this law and being proactive for any future projects that might be applied for.

After no further comments/questions/concerns were voiced Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to adjourn this Public Hearing at 6:58 pm.

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

_____ Supervisor Macko

_____ Councilman Bear,

_____ Councilman Bensen (arrived at 6:36 pm)

_____ Councilman Rauf

_____ Councilman Richards,