

Minutes of August 10, 2021 Germantown Town Board Solar Law workshop, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York and via Zoom, commencing at 6:41pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Absent: Councilmember Suarez

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Jen Crawford opened by stating she had received comments from Supervisor Beaury, Councilman Christian and Corinne Smith on the Solar Law.

Jen spoke on tree cutting and battery size, threshold consumption, fire hazard and fire safety.

Batteries are more of a fire hazard. 600 kilowatt hours are permitted above 600 would need special permission. 80 would be appropriate in Tier 1 & Tier 2.

Building code has limitations no impact on property line.

Special use permit for both solar and batteries.

Tier 2 need special use permit for ground mount.

Tier 3 off site ground mount requiring site plan review for populated dense areas.

Supervisor Beaury asked how Palatine Manor would be affected by this? Councilman Christian said that Palatine Manor has enough property. Jen said there is no battery use in high density areas.

Jen also said adjust the bolt dimensions-separated.

Councilman Christian asked Corinne does not separating the A,B & C have any impact like what is going on in Athens?

Corinne said not really depends on what provisions are used for these larger systems over 25 megawatts the applicant would have to show how they meet the requirements or ask for a waiver.

Try to minimize tree cutting

Councilman Kukon brought up 50% of the farmland cannot be cleared 365 days prior to getting a permit.

Corinne said the language will need to be changed adding a provision about clearing the year prior.

Motion to close the workshop made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Workshop closed at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,