

Town of Cazenovia Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals

Special Joint Meeting

Monday

January 31, 2022

A special joint meeting of the Town of Cazenovia Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals was opened at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Cazenovia Town Hall (Gothic Cottage). Attorney for the Town John Langey welcomed the Board Members and guests, to wit:

Town Board Members present: Councilor Pat Race; Councilor Kyle Reger; Councilor Jimmy Golub; and Councilor Kelli Johnson.

Planning Board Members present: Robert Ridler, Chair; Dale Bowers; Anne Ferguson; Jerry Munger; and Thomas Clarke.

Zoning Board of Appeals Members present: Thomas Pratt, Chair; Gary Mason; David Vredenburg; and Luke Gianforte, Alternate Member.

Others present: Roger Cook, Code Enforcement Officer; Jennifer Wong, CPF; Solar Committee Member Kristi Andersen; and various members of the public.

A brief introduction by Attorney Langey was provided, including a history of the adoption of the original Town of Cazenovia Solar Regulations, the Town's moratorium to consider potential extensive revisions to the Solar Regulations and a question and answer session for the Members of each of the Boards and the Solar Committee.

Anne Ferguson provided a review of the proposed Solar Energy Guidelines and Jen Wang, on behalf of CPF, presented a discussion regarding the GIS Mapper Tool, which will be used in the future to assist project developers and residents relative to the expectations for successful solar projects. Throughout the meeting Attorney Langey, Mr. Golub, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Wang and Ms. Andersen addressed various issues regarding changes to the Solar Regulations, including the following items:

- Protection of agricultural lands;
- Decommissioning requirements;
- Insurance requirements;
- Decommissioning Bonds and Security;
- PILOT Agreements;
- Host Community Benefit Agreements;

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- Office of Renewable Energy Services;
- Project screening and landscaping;
- New height requirements;
- New “Purpose” clause;
- Discussion of roof-mounted systems and ground-mounted systems;
- Reimbursement to Town for engineering and legal review fees associated with such projects;
- Areas where a large solar project may be prohibited;
- Town road protections.

Numerous questions were brought forth by the attendees.

Attorney Langey then explained the next steps towards a full public review of the proposed Local Law, which would include an introduction of the Local Law, completion of the environmental review (SEQR) process for the Law, referral of the Law to Madison County Planning and the scheduling of a public hearing.

The meeting was thereafter closed at 8:10 p.m.

Signed: _____
John R. Langey, Attorney for the Town