November 25 2019

Solar Committee Meeting Present: Hannah Strack

Charlie Pace

Wayne Mandel

Charles Esposito

Previous months minutes were reviewed and approved by committee.

The Solar Committee went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:10 p.m. to discuss how this Committee is to proceed with the task of making a fair and accurate recommendation to the Town Board regarding industrial solar power in the Town of Fenner. This committee will provide the Town Board with a rationale for their decision based on facts.

* The job of this committee is to make a fair and accurate recommendation to the Town Board.
* Once article 10 is initiated we most probably will **not** be able opt out, it appears article 10 can force zoning changes
* How do we best gauge public opinion: surveys, town meetings, how to do make sure results aren’t skewed.
* Can we charge an “application fee” yes, being mindful that the request is reasonable.
* Could we look into several smaller solar installations, that would not require article 10 and give Fenner more control in location and logistics
* Attorney Stokes has the name of several attorneys that have experience with solar companies and municipalities
* Would article 10 “back pay” for any expertise advise we seek?
* How will Fenner benefit?
* Consensus of committee: we must reach out to neighboring towns and villages, we must get a true idea of what the majority of residents want, we must have one more person on the committee, we must educate ourselves further on this process.
* Comprehensive plan is an excellent place to start and build on

The next committee meeting will be held on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. This meeting will be publicized and open to the public.

Meeting adorned 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dolan