Solar Committee Meeting

3/12/20

Present:

Charlie Pace

Wayne Mandel

Ken Roberts

Phil Rose

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

February minutes reviewed and accepted.

Charlie explained white areas on map labeled “State Significance” was not prime farm land, but land that could be used for hay, trees etc.

Phil – discussed contacting Rhonda and having her phone in next meeting to answer specific tax questions. It was stated that if land designated as Ag. Exempt changes status before the end of its term; interest and the different in exemption savings would be the responsibility of the land owner to pay. (for the entire term potentially going back 8/10 years).

State is considering streamlining the Article 10 process and taking over deciding the payout percentages for pilot programs.

Next meeting will be April 16, 2020 at 7:00

Action Items for next month:

* Find out if there is a NYSERDA GUIDEBOOK for large scale solar and if we can obtain copies
* Phil – assessor questions industrial zoning vs. commercial zoning.
* Wayne – general cost of decommissioning, what are other communities getting through the Community Benefit Act. What might that look like for Fenner.
* Charlie – Environmental Bond Act – how will that effect solar power
* All – review Farmland Protection Plan – what parts pertain to Fenner.

Next meetings will be posting in paper and on website

May 14 7pm June 11 7pm July 9 7pm

Ken adjourned meeting seconded by Wayne.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Dolan