

Solar Meeting
June 18, 2020 Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
Phil accepted May minutes seconded by Charlie

Questions for the town attorney:

How does land lease and ag. Exemption work? Assessor determine when the land is changed from agricultural use. This is based on the actual use of the land. When construction happens, not when lease is signed.

Road use agreement? Options include special permit, bonds

Zoning changes? Local law would amend zoning, specifying criteria determined by the planning board (set backs, farm land loss, etc.)

The town could also entertain the option to grant accessory use, solar not as a stand alone project. May be easier to consider a complete prohibition of solar may be easier to sustain then if it were broken down into smaller projects.

Wayne - reported on a conversation with Scott Ingmire - County Planning - there is a new citing office making "home rule" at risk, and giving local government less and less say.

Dave - Keith Silliman will be the liaison for Cyress Creek and town moving forward. County is considering opting out of the 487 agreement.

Budgets have not been cut for green energy at this time.

Tasks moving forward: how can we quantify how much Fenner has already contributed to green energy and to what benefit?

Respectfully submitted

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