Solar Committee Meeting

12/18/19

Present:

Hannah Strack

Charlie Pace

Chuck Esposito

Wayne Mandel

Ken Roberts

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Hannah explained the purpose and intent of the committee, as defined in

Resolution 2019-16

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW**

**ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM MORATORIUM on GROUND SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF FENNER**

Motion to accept November’s minutes was made by W.Mandel and seconded by C. Espotito. Approved by committee.

Meeting schedule was established and will be posted:

January 21st 7:00 pm

February 13th 7:00 pm

March 12th 7:00 pm

April 16th 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held at the Town Office Building

The Town of Fenner’s Comprehensive Plan, as well as other area Comprehensive Plans, were looked to for guidance and a starting point. It was proposed that the committee determine:

Current trends

Concerns/issues relating to these trends

Conditions in which trends exist

It was noted that in some situations moratoriums were put into place but no town decision was made before the moratoriums expired, leading to a resurgence of solar farms.

Our moratorium expires in September 2020, unless we file for an extension.

It was determined that a lot more information needs to be gathered:

* What is the county’s agricultural plan? Does it include solar power?
* Has The Farm Land Protection Plan been updated?
* Madison County Soil Conservation (Steve Lauren) is there an updated land use map? Soil use map?
* Does Fenner have zoning for green energy or just wind?
* Comp. Plan mentioned solar but not specific’s – private? industrial? How much can a resident/landowner “sell back”? Are there any specific state regulation?
* What is the condition of our present 115KV line? What is its lifespan?
* What about storage? What would that look like? What would distribution lines look like?
* How can we accurately find out what the residents in Fenner want? Should that be up to the Town Board?
* How will Fenner benefit? At what cost?

Committee members have volunteered to research the concerns listed and report back next month.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00pm made by W. Mandel, seconded by K. Roberts

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dolan

Town Clerk, Town of Fenner