

The Special meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Wednesday June 29, 2022 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Steve Atterbury, Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember and John Macauley, Councilmember

Other Town Officials: C. Keenan, Planning Board member; R. Clymo Planning Board member; P. Dolan, ZBA member; T. Tozier, PB and ZBA secretary

Others Present: M. Dolan

Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order@ 6:32 p.m.

Old/New Business:

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LOCAL LAW # OF 2022 TO REPLACE #2-2017- DISCUSSION

FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD'S

ADVISORY COMMENTS- Supervisor Devine stated he called for the special meeting as more discussion need to occur following the meeting with County Planning M. Underhill. Supervisor stated to the Planning Board members present how much he appreciated the work that went into creating the law that they were reviewing and that due to the continue changing world of solar a few minor modifications following the advisory comments are included in his opinion important are in the law.

Supervisor Devine gave in detail the parts of the Town of Caledonia's local Solar Law that he felt the board should look at adding or utilize the verbiage in the Town's to be more descriptive in what the draft law already has.

Councilmember Bean inquired of a few details as she was unable to attend the last meeting on June 22, 2022 but agreed with the Supervisor sentiment regarding the Town of Caledonia's Solar Law and the detail in their law was impressive.

A comment from the community inquired about the mowing and was it actually mowed or could it be done via round up. This led to further discussion into The Town's draft Solar Law and why more description was necessary for interpretation.

Councilmember Macauley stated that he would like to see soil testing as a requirement, he gave an example of a 2 ½ acre grid size to be added the law for the entirety of the project by NYS approved testing agency.

Councilmember Atterbury questioned lot coverage how it was figured as the Town Zoning law will be utilized to figure lot coverage amounts as it did not make sense to him as it pertains to his own personal area and what he sees neighboring him. A discussion occurred and the Supervisor attempted to contact the Code Officer for answer with no success.

Board then began at the County Planning Board's advisory comments and went through the law to review what recommendations needed to be addressed in the Draft Solar Law.

The Board instructed the Town Clerk where to make the minor changes to the draft law for their review at their regular meeting on July 14, 2022.

Councilmember Hunter stated that she would still like to see what County Planning does hear from Genesee Valley Conservancy regarding solar project in the conservancy areas and how lot coverage is figured at the next meeting.

Supervisor stated that we can't know lot coverage until we get the feedback from the Code Officer but he will have it at the meeting. Supervisor thanked everyone for their hard work to ensure the solar law is the best it can be with the ever changing solar projects and requirements.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated: June 29, 2022