

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT  
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL  
10275 Rte. 28 Forestport, N.Y. 13338  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES-  
Local Law #1 of 2021 Solar Energy Local Law  
Town of Forestport Proposed Updates/Changes/Clarifications”.  
APRIL 21, 2021 @ 6:15 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III  
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash  
Councilwoman Danielle Abrial  
Councilman Charles Scott

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilman Ronald Scouten

Town Clerk, Tracy M. Terry

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Entwistle at 6:15 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Supervisor Entwistle read the legal notice.

**COMMENTS:**

- Someone from the Gallery asked if residents would benefit from this Solar project. Supervisor Entwistle stated the electricity will not be dispersed locally, as this is Utility Grade Project. The Town could benefit from receiving tax money from PILOT or actual tax money.
- Art Gleasman asked if it was going to be on both sides of River road. It was answered yes.
- The Transmission shack will be in the Town of Boonville.
- Gerry Ritter, the Planning Board Co-Chair received an email from the Planning Board Secretary regarding comments from the Town of Boonville. The Town of Boonville and the Town of Forestport are working together as far as the permitting process. Both Towns have hired the same Environmental Attorney and Environmental Engineer Firm. The Environmental Engineer has come through with basic comments they feel should be in the Law. The Town Board has 62 days to pass the Local Law.
- Ron Davies asked if the Solar Company is going to have to maintain the roads. Supervisor Entwistle stated they are responsible for helping, as the Highway Department will maintain the roads at the Solar Company's cost.
- Carmen stated she sent a letter to Supervisor Entwistle requesting changes to the Solar Law. Some of their requests include:

- Changing the height limit from 15 feet to 20 feet.
- Clarity on the screening requirements.
- Property line setbacks: clarity on whether this includes participating and non- participating landowners. They are asking the Town to waive adjoining properties. Dave Ultsch, Planning Board Member stated the reason they put the property line setbacks in the Solar Law was because it is currently a wooded lot and sometime in the future, it may not be.
- Clarity on the removal of trees.
- The Decommissioning period: one year is standard instead of 6 months.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Abrial- yes  
Councilman Scott – yes  
Councilman Scouten- absent  
Councilwoman Kardash – yes  
Supervisor Entwistle – yes

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned by Supervisor Entwistle at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Forestport Town Clerk

Tracy M. Terry