

September 29, 2016 – Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls, Councilmen Dukler and Hinson along with Planning Board members Keith Libolt and Carol Richman and ECC member Roberta Clemens. There were approximately 10± audience members.

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to begin discussion on the solar law, to agree on the documents, the process and to schedule meetings. Members have received copies of a NYS model law and several others from area Towns. They will use the NYS model law as a prototype adding and subtracting language to create a law for the Town of Gardiner. The goal is to complete the process in a timely fashion. There would be no public comment tonight. It was agreed that a press release would be sent to the local papers regarding the use of the NYS model law as the prototype and a request for input from the community.

MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Additional meetings were scheduled for October 13, 2016 and October 27, 2016 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 PM, on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk

October 13, 2016 – Special Meeting

A special meeting was held this evening for the purposes of discussing the solar law. The meeting was held in the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Dukler and Hinson, Planning Board members Keith Libolt and Carol Richman and ECC member Roberta Clements. There were 4 audience members.

Tonight the members delved into the NYS model law addressing each section of the law along with copies of laws adopted by the Towns of Ulster, Wallkill, Crawford and Rochester. The intention is to bring out the best of each law to create a law for the Town of Gardiner. Supervisor Majestic read a list of additional definitions she would like to see in the law. Board members recommended the addition of a Safety Section which is not in the model law. Other areas of the law was discussed at length, with changes and recommendations and on how to apply this to the Town of Gardiner law. Each person was asked to come to the next meeting scheduled for October 27 prepared to comment on how the law should be written.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk

October 27, 2016 – Special Meeting

A special meeting was held this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall to continue discussion of the solar law. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls, Councilman Dukler, Planning Board member Carol Richman and ECC member Roberta Clemens. There were approximately 10± audience member.

Supervisor Majestic distributed to all the board members a detailed memo outlining the points discussed at the October 13 meeting. Each and every item was discussed thoroughly with additions and subtractions applied helping to finalize what will be included in the new law. Questions were brought up about bonding for decommissioning, how this would be determined and how it will be kept track of. Also discussed was a wildlife corridor. Audience member Matt Calardo spoke to the Board about substation mapping, which can be obtained by going on the Central Hudson website. He spoke at length about many aspects of having solar farms in a community.

SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL MEETING

Board members scheduled another meeting for November 9 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk

November 30, 2016 – Special Meeting

A special meeting was held this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall to continue discussion of the solar law. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls, Councilman Dukler, and ECC member Roberta Clemens. There were approximately 6± audience member.

Those present reviewed each section of the draft solar law. Changes were suggested in the definitions section, in aesthetics specifically safety, Subdivisions, Large Scale Systems, Wildlife Management Plan, Fencing and adding a section to address inflation and value. Board members agreed to take the reviewed document from this evening and forward it to attorney David Brennan for review and creation of a final draft. Once completed, the Town Board would like to meet with the attorney to address any questions anyone may have.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk