

**TOWN OF SCHUYLER PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING -- DECEMBER 4, 2019**

Chairwoman Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Other Planning Board members present were: Vice Chair David Fusillo, Jean Finster, Victor Costanza, James Digristina, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge. Absent was Michael Ritter (excused).

Also present were Codes Officer Philip Green, Councilmen Rodney Dodge and Eric Kane, ZBA Chairman Ronald J. Beach, Jr., ZBA Member Christine Proulx, Supervisor's Clerk Jeff Dingman, Town residents Ricky Proulx and Richard Finster, and Bette Szesny, who served as recording secretary.

Chairwoman Donna Salamone led the assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by James Digristina to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: ASSOC. OF TOWNS ARTICLE ON SOLAR FARMS

Copies of the article published in the Association of Towns' *"Talk of the Towns"* magazine entitled: *"What Can Towns Do to Prepare for Large-Scale Renewable Energy Projects?"* were furnished to all members, along with copies of the Town's Solar Farm Ordinance enacted in 2017, and copies of the November 19, 2019 ZBA Special Meeting minutes, when the ZBA assumed Lead Agency Status for SunEast Development's Solar Project on Watkins Road.

BOARD COMMENTS

- The review of the above materials was found to be productive, providing useful, helpful and educational information.
- The Town's existing ordinance was determined to be adequate to serve the Town's needs.
- ZBA Chairman Beach stated it has been determined 60% of the solar farm will be located in the Town of Schuyler, and 40% will be located in the Town of Herkimer.
- Mr. Tripoli questioned whether any laws will be enacted to regulate road use at the Sun East solar farm site.
- It was stated the project site will require much preparatory work to be accomplished before the construction phase begins.
- An operating permit will be required before the solar farm can be operational.
- Determinate start date is presumed to commence in August, 2020.
- A short discussion ensued with regard to whether solar panels on Town owned buildings would be energy efficient.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Distribution/completion/submission of annual vouchers by all members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Planning Board; therefore, Chairwoman Donna Salamone adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM on motion by Daniel Tripoli which was seconded Jean Finster.

– Bette I. Szesny, Recording Secretary