

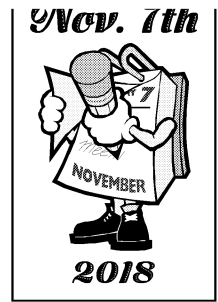
**NYSEDA  
Representative  
Houtan Moaveni**

## *Planning Board* ★★★★★★★★

NYSEDA representatives Houtan Moaveni and Kendra Kosta appeared before the Planning Board at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502, to provide an informative power point presentation on Solar Energy, with a focus on how municipalities can best develop a Solar Ordinance that will effectively address environmental, economic, and safety issues with regard to siting solar farms as well as residential, commercial, and municipal solar projects.

This presentation was arranged by Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti; hosted by the Planning Board; and included members of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and was open to all interested Town officials as well as to the community.

Planning Board members in attendance were Chairwoman Donna Salamone; Vice Chair David Fusillo; Victor Costanza; James Digristina; Jean Finster; Daniel Tripoli; and Alternate Member Dale Dodge.



Zoning Board of Appeals members in attendance were Chairman Ronald J. Beach, Jr.; Christine Proulx; Robert Wasyleski; and Alternate Member David M. Pasick.

Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti; Administrative Assistant to the Town Supervisor Jeff Dingman; Codes Officer Philip Green; and Councilwoman Bette Szesny, who also serves as Planning Board and ZBA Recording Secretary.

Also present were several Town residents.

The focus on the discussion centered mainly on how municipalities can develop an effective Solar Ordinance which will serve to best protect the economic, environmental, and aesthetic interests of the community and its residents, with emphasis on the permitting process, with inclusion of severability/decommissioning regulations, so as to protect the long-term financial security of a municipality.

Several questions were posed to Mr. Moaveni from Town officials and members of the community with regard to siting solar farms as well as questions concerning additional applications of solar energy systems. A question posed by a member of the local Fire Company addressed concerns regarding hazards firemen may face when fighting fires on buildings equipped with solar panels; Mr. Moaveni stated he will need to research this issue and will provide feedback as soon as he obtains the information.

The presentation concluded at 8:00 PM. Mr. Lucenti thanked Mr. Moaveni and Ms. Kosta for an excellent presentation.

The Town of Schuyler's Solar Ordinance, which was adopted in 2017, will be reviewed to ensure it meets all recommendations set forth by NYSEDA. Mr. Moaveni invited Town officials to contact him in the event any questions or concerns may arise in the future with regard to the Town's Solar Ordinance.

At this time, no solar energy projects applications have been submitted to the Town of Schuyler.

No regular meeting was held following the conclusion of this presentation.

This presentation qualifies as satisfying two (2) hours of the required four (4) hours of annual training for Planning Board and ZBA members. For those who have already satisfied their 2018 calendar year requirement, the two (2) additional hours will be carried forward to the 2019 calendar year. Planning Board/ZBA members' attendance also qualifies for one (1) meeting attendance for the 2017 calendar year.

— Bette Szesny, Recording Secretary