

Town of Clarence
One Town Place, Clarence, NY 14031
Town Board/Planning Board Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 18, 2016
6:00 pm

Chairman Robert Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Paul Shear led the pledge to the flag.

Town Board Members present:

Supervisor Patrick Casilio
Councilman Peter DiCostanzo
Councilman Christopher Greene
Councilman Paul Shear

Town Board Member(s) absent: Councilman Robert Geiger

Planning Board Members present:

Chairman Robert Sackett	1 st Vice-Chairman Richard Bigler
Timothy Pazda	Gregory Todaro
Steven Dale	Jeffrey Buckley

Planning Board Members absent: Wendy Salvati

Town Officials Present:

Director of Community Development James Callahan
Deputy Town Attorney Steven Bengart

Other Interested Parties Present:

Peter Wolfe	Elaine Wolfe	Clayt Ertel
Dan Michnick	Ethan Powers	Carol Conwall
Fred Cook	Peter Worrall	Mark Woodward

DISCUSSION:

James Callahan identified that the Town has been working on the development of Comprehensive Plan 2030 for over one year and the consultant has assembled a tremendous amount of data and has prepared a draft plan for full Town Board and Planning Board review. John Steinmetz and Molly Gaudio from the Steinmetz Planning Group were introduced.

John Steinmetz and Molly Gaudio presented the draft Comprehensive Plan 2030 going through design and content. They asked the board members present to forward any comments to the Planning and Zoning Office prior to June 3, 2016 so that a final draft can be prepared for public comment. The next

step in the overall review process will be a public open house. Several ideas as to how to inform the public were discussed.

Supervisor Casilio identified a concern associated with ground mounted solar systems and solar farms and the fact that the Town of Clarence has no regulations regarding these installations. Several communities in the region are developing legislation to deal with this concern. He will be formally requesting the Planning Board and the Planning Department to draft legislation to address the installation of ground mounted solar systems and solar farms for the Town Board consideration.

ACTION:

Motion by Councilman Peter DiCostanzo, seconded by Councilman Paul Shear, to set a public hearing for June 8, 2016 at 7:20 p.m. to consider an Amendment to the Code of the Town of Clarence adopting a Local Law “Imposing a Temporary Town Wide Moratorium, for a period not to exceed Six (6) Months, on the Installation and Possession of Freestanding or Ground Mounted Solar Panels and Solar Farm Installations in the Town of Clarence” to receive public comments.

Councilman Christopher Greene	Aye	Councilman Paul Shear	Aye
Councilman Peter DiCostanzo	Aye	Supervisor Patrick Casilio	Aye

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Carolyn Delgato
Senior Clerk Typist