

Special Meeting

Town Board, Town of Glen

July 21, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Held at Town of Glen Town Hall

PRESENT: Supervisor Tim Reilly
Councilmember Rosalie Farina
Councilmember Susan Whiteman
Councilmember Ron Crewell
Councilmember Russ Kelly
Town Clerk Roxanne Douglass

Supervisor Reilly called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Supervisor Reilly read the legal notice into the record.

Supervisor Reilly next read letter received from Young / Sommer LLC on behalf of Connect Gen and made a part of these minutes as attached.

Discussion was held regarding the Town of Glen Solar Law:

Set back requirements -

Supervisor Reilly spoke regarding existing 500' set backs;
Councilmember Farina spoke in favor of an all-around 500' set backs;
Councilmember Whiteman spoke in favor of 500' and suggested larger set backs to enable crops to be planted and advised that the solar law was not written to be against Connect Gen;
Supervisor Reilly advised the solar law will be regulations for solar in Town of Glen;
Councilmember Crewell spoke regarding the Town's obligation to its residents, not to New York State and advised 1000' set backs might be better;
Councilmember Farina advised set backs have been a concern from the beginning for the Town of Glen Planning Board;
Councilmember Kelly advised OREC will say the solar law is not reasonable since the Glen code doesn't call for that large of a set back;
Councilmember Whiteman advised needing guidance for Ag buildings codes;
Councilmember Kelly spoke regarding local control and farming on solar fields;
Councilmember Crewell spoke regarding set backs in Glen code;
Councilmember Farina spoke in favor of keeping the 500' set backs;
Councilmember Whiteman spoke regarding size of equipment determining planting size and that variables can happen; and
Supervisor Reilly spoke further regarding solar law set backs.

Lot coverage requirements – 20% as written -

Supervisor Reilly advised this is not unreasonable;
Councilmember Whiteman agreed this is not unreasonable;
Councilmember Farina agreed this is not unreasonable; and
Councilmember Crewell agreed this is not unreasonable.

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Agricultural resources – as written -

Councilmember Whiteman agrees;
Supervisor Reilly agrees; and
Councilmember Farina agrees.

Slopes – 12% - as written – but could be changed to 15% -

Councilmember Farina advised should be changed to 15%;
Councilmember Whiteman advised should be changed to 15%;
Supervisor Reilly agrees with 15%; and
Councilmember Kelly agrees should be 15%.

Setbacks to wetlands, streams and ponds – 100' as written -

Councilmember Crewell advised this is not far enough but agreed with 100';
Councilmember Kelly agrees with 100';
Councilmember Whiteman agrees with 100'; and
Councilmember Farina agrees with 100'.

Clear cutting limitations -

Councilmember Kelly advised should not be reduced;
Councilmember Crewell advised should not be reduced;
Councilmember Whiteman advised should not be reduced;
Councilmember Farina advised should not be reduced; and
Supervisor Reilly advised should not be reduced.

Visual impacts -

Councilmember Whiteman advised making the law restrictive as written;
Councilmember Crewell advised buffering to maximum extent of non-participating property;
Councilmember Farina advised the term “minimize” should be changed; and
Councilmember Kelly asked if Planning Board can give variance to builder?

Decommission – no changes -

Supervisor Reilly is not addressing this;
Councilmember Crewell advised there is no salvage value;
Councilmember Kelly agreed there is no salvage value;
Councilmember Farina advised there is no salvage value and it is too far in future to estimate.

Discussion was held regarding:

Section 5 is Section 6 of the Solar Law – was just a typo;

Minimize development of sign obstruction meaning?;

Supervisor Reilly will discuss these items with Teresa Bakner and will advise the Town Board.

Insurance of \$2 million of workers compensation and general liability – Connect Gen wants this changed – should it be made to be more? Amount to be required by NYS law and then adjust in Town of Glen Solar Law.

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Supervisor Reilly read an email received from Jennifer Mete-Jeffer (as attached and made a part of these minutes).

At this time, Supervisor Reilly held Public Comment:

Andrea Houser spoke regarding the set back being too much.

Karen Chaplin spoke of the Town of Glen wildlife.

Steve Helmin read written comments.

Prime submitted written comments regarding code of Town and solar law being incompatible.

Prime and Teresa Bakner are working together on this and information will be submitted to Supervisor Reilly.

Councilmember Whiteman advised the solar law should be more structured.

Bonnie Couture spoke to thank the Town Board and Planning Board and to advise concern with the slopes.

Steve Helmin spoke to thank the Town Board for the work on the solar law and the defense of the future value of property and spoke regarding surety bond and green vs. escrow.

Colleen Nash of Connect Gen thanked the Town Board.

The Town Board will address the Solar Law changes with Austerlitz – motion by Councilmember Crewell, seconded by Councilmember Whiteman – 5 voting aye – so approved.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Crewell, seconded by Councilmember Farina – 5 voting aye – so meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Douglass, Town Clerk

