

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
ZONING LAW AMENDMENT
4/15/2021**

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Parish Town Board held April 15th, 2021 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Phillips.

Present: John Dunham, Councilor
G. Richard Horning, Councilor
Gary Wood, Councilor
Doug Jordan, Councilor
Mary Ann Phillips, Supervisor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

Also Present: Robin Eaton-Novak, Deputy Supervisor; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Craig Petit, Hwy Sup't; Jackie Murphy, Village Trustee; Jeff Dickinson, Jim Bernys, CEO: and Darrel Stivers.

Present via Zoom: Diane Spaziani, Planning Brd Member; Paul Gage, Planning Brd Member; Carol Dwyer, Eleanor Kinney, Shenvolee Lee, Robert Prockup, and, Bob Genant, Town Attorney.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear all comments and concerns regarding the proposed Zoning Law Amendment Draft.

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Mr. Stivers asked if there was a certain size solar panel exempted from requirements?

Matt Johnson explained that for installation of residential Solar Panels it just requires a Zoning Permit and it is a simple process.

Large Scale Solar Systems that are intended to be the primary use on a piece of land and are intended to create power that goes right into the grid requires a more stringent Special Use Permit Review.

Your typical Solar Panels on your roof or in your backyard of residence requires a Zoning Permit with a minor review.

CEO Bernys thanked the Planning Board for all their hard work on the proposed Zoning Law Amendment.

CEO Bernys suggested that the Board consider increasing Accessory Structure requirements. This provision is under 1210-Zoning Permit Exceptions-#1 Accessory Structures. CEO Bernys explained that the proposed requirement is less than 25 sq ft and that he thought it was too restrictive and it would be difficult to enforce.

Discussion was held on what square footage Zoning Permits should require for Accessory Structures. It was the consensus to change the requirement to under 144 square foot for all Accessory Structures, the same as the State Code requirements. No Zoning or Building Permit is required.

Paul Baxter asked if they can pass the local law with the minor change.

Matt Johnson responded that he thought that they could and he didn't think it would require another Public Hearing, but recommended to confer with the Town Attorney to be sure.

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EXTENSION OF A 6 MONTH MORATORIUM ON SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION
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The purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider adoption of an Extension a 6 month moratorium for Solar Panel Installation.

The provision for Solar Panel Installation is addressed in the proposed Zoning Law Amendment Draft. If the Zoning Law Amendment is adopted the extension of a 6 month moratorium on Solar Panel Installation will not be necessary.

A motion was made by Councilor Jordan, seconded by Councilor Wood to close the Public Hearings at 6:28 pm. Roll taken...Councilor Dunham, Councilor Horning, Councilor Wood, Councilor Jordan, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (5) Nay (0). motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk