

**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
CONSIDER COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED SOLAR LAW
TOWN OF RIPLEY
AUGUST 26 & 31, 2021**

Supervisor Bowen opened the Town Board Work Session at 7:08 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021.

As the Town Board continues safe COVID -19 pandemic procedures, today's meeting was held with social distancing practices and on "Zoom" for those who would rather participate from home.

The Following were present:

Supervisor:	Douglas Bowen
Council:	Patricia Hathaway - ABSENT
	Michael Rowe
	John Trevelline
	Phil Chimera
Clerk:	Rebecca R Carvallo

Zoom Guests: David Prenatt, Newspaper reporter; Attorney Jim Mascato ConnetGen; Attorney Ben Wisniewski, Town Consultant

Attorney Ben Wisniewski reviewed all written and verbal comments received related to the proposed Solar Law.

Attorney Wisniewski reminded the Town Board that if any changes were deemed necessary the process of approving a solar law could be extended a least a couple months.

The Board Members discussed with Attorney Wisniewski each comment and concern to the proposed law and if those concerns should result in a change.

Supervisor Bowen made the motion that the Town Work Session be adjourned until 7:00 p.m. August 31, 2021. This was seconded by Councilman Chimera and carried unanimously.

AUGUST 31, 2021

Supervisor Bowen opened the Work Session at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

The following were present:

Supervisor:	Douglas Bowen
Council:	Patricia Hathaway - ABSENT
	Michael Rowe
	John Trevelline
	Phil Chimera - ABSENT
Clerk:	Rebecca R Carvallo

Zoom Guests: John Hamels, Isaac Phillips, Rob Galbraith & Attorney Ben Wisniewski - Town Consultant.

Supervisor Bowen opened the floor to Attorney Ben Wisniewski

Attorney Wisniewski updated the Board Members on the only law suit he was aware of in New York State. He stated that The Courts had denied a law suit for a temporary restraining order to stop a solar project.

Attorney Wisniewski, informed the Board on the details of the Byron, New York solar project's Host Community Agreement.

The Board discussed the comments and recommendation of the Chautauqua County Planning Board with Attorney Wisniewski.

Supervisor Bowen stated that if the Board approved this proposed law as is, changes could always be made at a later date. But he felt it is important to move forward with the law. He reminded those present that this law would cover all potential projects.

Mr. Trevelline stated that he felt this proposed law covers issues of all options.

Attorney Wisniewski stated that he had reviewed everything necessary with the Board Members.

Mr. Bowen moved to adjourn the work session. This was seconded by Councilman Trevelline and carried unanimously. 7:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Rebecca Rowe Carvallo
Town Clerk