

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUATION OF PROPOSE SOLAR
LAW
TOWN OF RIPLEY
AUGUST 12, 2021**

Supervisor Bowen opened the Public Hearing of the Town of Ripley, Town Board in the Ripley Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: see attached sign in sheet.

Zoom: John Hamels, Attorney Ben Wisniewski, Isaac Phillips of ConnectGen,

Mr. Bowen explained that this meeting was a continuation of the June 28, 2021 Public Hearing on the proposed Solar Law. Mr. Bowen reminded the public that all comments should pertain to the proposed Solar Law and not directed at any particular solar projects.

Mark Smith, East Main Road, and Ripley Fire Chief asked the Town Board if any changes to the proposed Local Law were needed who would make those changes, the Planning Board or the Town Board?

Mark Davis, Ripley Fire District Attorney, requested that in section 1505 Sub C the Town Board strike the words "such as" from the proposed law.

Pam Smith, East Main Road asked where the public could get copies of the proposed law.

Rob Galbraith East Lake Road, stated he would like the proposed law to require certified recycling of solar panels.

Jim Spacht, NE-Sherman Road, requested a list of changes that were made to the proposed solar law after the Planning Boards recommendations were presented to the Town Board.

Rob Galbraith, stated he was in favor of the proposed set-backs.

Jim Spacht, stated that set-backs to neighboring properties should be 450 feet.

Shelly Spacht, NE-Sherman Road, stated as Planning Board Chair, that the planning board's process was researched and thought out before proposing the set backs to protect property owners.

Shelly Spacht, also stated that the proposed law should include restrictions on construction noise, construction traffic and property values.

Mark Smith, stated that he believed the proposed law should have less restrictions on small business and private property owner's solar energy projects then the larger projects.

Additional comments were made that did not pertain to the proposed solar law.

All those present desiring to be heard, having been heard on the proposed Solar Law, Mr. Bowen closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Rebecca Rowe Carvallo
Town Clerk