

**Town of Enfield**  
**Renewable Energy Advisory Committee**

**December 14, 2017 Meeting Summary**

In Attendance: Mike Carpenter, Marcus Gingerich, Art Godin, Jude Lemke, Mimi Mehaffey,  
Not Present: Walt Smithers, Dan Walker

Prior to this meeting Jude circulated an updated draft of our emerging Solar Energy Law showing the extensive changes that we had agreed to at our previous meeting. The committee was invited to review these changes outside the meeting and enter comments on the Word document itself or bring them to our next meeting.

At this meeting we began discussion where we left off, with the topic of Abandonment and Decommissioning. We reviewed the text used by the Town of Wilton, NY to handle this complex subject. This section of the draft law addresses the need to insure that owners of commercial solar PV systems which have served their useful life or are being abandoned for other reasons be required to remove the abandoned equipment at their own expense.

Issues which need to be considered include:

- the requirement that a decommissioning plan be included in any application for installation of a commercial solar PV system;
- criteria for determining when an installation can be considered abandoned;
- a timetable which the system's owner must comply with and a procedure for the owner to request additional time for the decommissioning process;
- enumeration of the specific steps constituting decommissioning and removal;
- means of insuring that funds are available to enact the decommissioning plan; and,
- measures to be used by the Town if the decommissioning plan is not fully followed and completed.

Jude will again incorporate agreed-upon changes into our working document prior to our next meeting. Our next meeting will be held at the Community Building on Thurs 1/4/18, 7-9 PM.

-Summary submitted by Art Godin.