

Town of Enfield
Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
January 30, 2018 Meeting Summary

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

Prior to this meeting Jude circulated an updated draft of a Solar Law for Enfield containing all the changes agreed upon at previous meetings. At this meeting Mimi presented the results of her review of the Solar Law recently adopted by the Town of Danby, highlighting provisions that we might want included in the Enfield Solar Law draft. We also considered other suggestions brought to the meeting by committee members. Art reported briefly on some interest by Cornell students in exploring designs for small hydropower installations in the Town of Enfield, under the guidance of Cornell professor Francis Vanek.

Among the issues discussed were the following:

- the inclusion of storage batteries among the components of a solar energy system that must be properly maintained and disposed of;
- clarification that maintaining a clear line of sight to the sun is the responsibility of solar system developers, to be achieved through easements and agreements;
- a requirement that utility connections for large solar energy systems be made underground wherever possible;
- requirements that large solar system developers carry liability insurance during the construction and operational phases of their projects;
- a provision for the installation of motion-activated lighting within the fenced-in perimeter of large solar energy system installations; and
- how to gauge within what range of distance from a proposed solar energy installation neighbors must be notified pursuant to a Site Plan Review or SEQRA.

Jude will incorporate agreed-upon changes into our working document and will circulate the updated draft to the committee for comment. Art will review the current draft of Enfield's Comprehensive Plan to search for conflicts with Enfield's emerging Solar Law.

Our next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 1/30/18, but that date needs to be changed due to a scheduling conflict. A new date will be decided upon by the committee over email and Art will communicate the new date to Alice Linton for correction on the Town of Enfield website.

-Summary submitted by Art Godin.