

# **Town of Enfield**

## **Renewable Energy Advisory Committee**

### **November 9, 2017 Meeting**

In Attendance: Mike Carpenter, Art Godin, Jude Lemke, Mimi Mehaffey, Walt Smithers, Dan Walker, Marcus Gingerich

At this meeting we focused entirely on Jude's new draft of a Solar Law for the Town of Enfield. We began by going through a list of issues highlighted by Jude as still needing to be addressed or requiring more discussion.

Among topics touched upon were the following:

- How requirements established by the Solar Law will interface with the Site Plan Review process;
- Fees to be charged for big solar projects in addition to normal site plan and building permit fees;
- Annual/periodic maintenance requirements to avert hazardous conditions, and renewable operator permits conditioned upon these requirements;
- Development of an appeal process at the town level;
- Whether to require a special use permit for big solar projects, to be approved by the Town Board;
- The role of the Planning Board and the Town Board for approving waivers to provisions of the Solar Law;
- Whether to require public hearings for all proposed large solar projects.

Provisions for decommissioning solar farms and power plants still need to be fleshed out. The criteria for determining the scale of solar projects and the regulations applying to each will also require more discussion. Jude will continue refining her reviewed draft.

Our next meetings will be held at the Community Building on Wed 11/29/17, Thurs 12/14/17 and Thurs 1/4/18, all at 7-9 PM.

-Summary submitted by Art Godin.