In attendance: Gerry Deming, Jim Campbell, Sam Swearingen, Mary Underhill

Others in Attendance: Fr. Stephen Muller, Kirk Richenberg, Henry Fuller

Discussion Summary:

Town of York Solar Workshops
- Very successful workshops, well attended overall, good attendance from York.
- May 7, 2018. NYSERDA Planning & Zoning for Solar. 32 people in attendance.
- May 14, 2018. Guidelines & Considerations for Solar Siting on Ag Land. 65 people in attendance.

Overview of solar laws, Jim Campbell, Town Attorney
- Many communities have started with the NYSERDA model law or used parts of the model.
- Mr. Campbell has been working with the Town of Avon on solar law development. Passed out the draft Town of Avon solar energy systems local law for the Town's consideration. Good example of local law for large scale solar.
- It is reasonable to regulate location and size of large scale development.
- Mr. Campbell provided an overview of different scales/types of solar energy systems.
- Regulations can include: setbacks, height, glare, minimum acreage, location, and protections of prime soils.
- Consideration for drainage clause, deal with surface treatment and slope. Drainage became an issue for the solar array at the Avon Central School.
- Discussion on PILOTS.
- Discussion on decommissioning/removal plans and considerations. Financial surety/bonds.
- Be aware that infrastructure can be installed which can open locations to solar development. Do not plan on solar being artificially restricted by the grid, rather, put zoning in place to regulate desired location. Plan for a higher density.
- Discussion on the NY Power Commission and anticipation of upgrades to infrastructure. Let the developer put in the money for infrastructure.
- Community Solar – benefits to the community. Investigate.

Follow up: Can utility companies show where the Town has 3 phase electric and solar development capacity?

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 30, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. at the York Town Hall.