

**PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA**

March 25, 2021

A Public Hearing of the Town Board of Genoa, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on March 25, 2021

Present           Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor  
                      Cheryl Shields, Board Member  
                      Don Slocum, Board Member  
                      Brandon White, Board Member  
                      Chris Stout, Board Member (absent)  
                      Sue Moss, Clerk

**The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:20 p.m.** by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The reason for this hearing was to make known and to hear question or comments on the **proposed Local Law #1 entitled: The Town of Genoa Solar Power Siting Law as well as the Local Law #2 entitled: The Town of Genoa Wind Power Siting Law.**

Lorie Sellen-Gross advised the Town Board that the SEQRA Notice of Intent Establishing the Town of Genoa being willing and desiring to be the Lead Agency on both of the above-entitled laws, along with a copy of the FEAF Part1 of each local law were sent to the following agencies: **Cayuga County Development of Planning and Economic Development, Cayuga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Cayuga County Real Property Services, the Towns of Ledyard, Lansing, Venice, Locke and the Tompkins County Planning and Economic Development Agency.**

Lorie Sellen-Gross advised the Board of the Cayuga County Planning and Economic Development Agency’s Review Committee comments on the GML 239 The GML 239-1, on both proposed local laws. Based on the materials she had submitted to them, they determined that the proposed action appears to have no inter-municipal concerns and is of local concern only.

The Town Supervisor made sure that all the board members reviewed FEAF Part 1 and the supplemental data and maps that had been sent to them several days prior to this public hearing on both proposed laws. The Board then began the process of reviewing and completing the analysis of FEAF Part 2 for Solar Power Siting. Each major topic heading (18 topics) on this Part 2 was read aloud by Lorie with Board Members responses being either “yes” or “no” and listing comments in blue underneath the heading.

**RESOLUTION 26-2021 APPROVAL OF FEAF Part 2 for SOLAR POWER SITING LAW**

On a motion of Board member Slocum, seconded by Board member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED   Ayes   4   Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum and White  
                  Nays   0

Resolved to approve FEAF Part 2, as document the document stands, for the Solar Power Siting Law.

The Board continued onto reviewing FEAF Part 3 for the Solar Siting Law. The Town Supervisor read aloud the sections, and everyone is aware of the next steps of this form. The Supervisor will collect any responses to the letter of intent from all agencies listed previously. Once the 30 days of notice has been reached or when all responses are received from the agencies with determination that we are the Lead Agency, a motion to approve FEAF 3 as written and a motion to officially record the negative declaration thereof and to adopt this law shall be offered up for approval by the Town Board.

The Town Supervisor made sure that all the board members reviewed FEAF Part 1 of the Wind Siting Local Law previously to this public hearing. The Board then began the process of reviewing and completing the analysis of FEAF Part 2 for Wind Siting Local Law. Each major topic heading (18 topics) on this Part 2 was read aloud by Lorie with Board Members responses being either “yes” or “no” and listing comments in blue underneath the heading.

RESOLUTION 27-2021 **APPROVAL OF FEAF Part 2 for the WIND POWER SITING LAW**

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum and White  
Nays 0

Resolved to approve FEAF Part 2 as the document currently stands for the Wind Power Siting Law.

The Board continued onto FEAF Part 3 for the Wind Siting Law. The Town Supervisor read aloud the sections, and everyone is aware of the next steps of this form. The Supervisor will collect any responses to the letter of intent from all agencies listed previously. Once the 30 days of notice has been reached or when all responses are received from the agencies with determination that we are the Lead Agency, a motion to approve FEAF 3 as written and a motion to officially record the negative declaration thereof and to adopt this law shall be offered up for approval by the Town Board.

Lorie viewed a webinar “The American Rescue Plan Act” and reached out to Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers regarding a grant application for, perhaps, a playground and/or childcare center. Also, the grant monies could be used for water, sewer, and broadband projects. More info is needed, and nothing is prepared for this year. The US Treasury can fund up to 75% of the project and any funds not used will be returned.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum, the meeting was closed at 8:10 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk

Attachments