

Town of Independence
Public Hearing Re: OYA Independence North and East
Application for Solar Facility Permits
July 23, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on July 23, 2020 at 6:00pm for a Public Hearing to hear all persons interested in the matter of the OYA Independence North and East Applications for Solar Facility Permits.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Meunier, Acomb, Ellison, Howe; Town Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe.

Visitors: Attorney, Dave Pullen; Tim Freitag from Bohler Engineering, Terrence Rasmussen from OYA Solar (Via Zoom), Dan Spitzer (Via Zoom), Mariana Pires from OYA (Via Zoom), and 7 area residents.

Supervisor Reichman called the Public Hearing to order. The Clerk declared the Hearing had been duly advertised in the form of Legal Notice, posting on the Town Clerk signboard and Town website.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor started by introducing Tim Freitag, Bohler Engineering and representing OYA Solar, who began with a rundown and overview of the property and projects being discussed.

Supervisor opened up the floor to questions and concerns from all sides. Many of the questions regarded the decommissioning bonds, planting of pollinators, fencing and screening issues, concerns over wildlife, panel fire safety, noise, resident advantages, property lines, pilot and Host Community agreements, and existing gas lines.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

