

TOWN OF CLARKSON
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
May 30, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held a special workshop on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Nick D'Amuro	Councilperson
** John Culhane	Councilperson
Tom Guarino	Councilperson
Leslie Zink	Councilperson
** Susan Henshaw	Town Clerk
** Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
** Keith O'Toole	Attorney

** excused

Supervisor Filipowicz opened the meeting. She led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for our service men and women, first responders and veterans, particularly those who have paid the ultimate price.

Battery Storage –

Councilperson Zink, chair of Solar Law Committee led the meeting, starting with discussion on battery storage. Capacity and spacing were discussed depending on the building. NYS restricts locating within a home. Large projects that feed the grid are more the size of tractor-trailers and are a public safety concern. Charging or discharging at a high rate of speed can become very hot and that is when safety issues are concerning. Our fire department is volunteer and we do not have the training, equipment or manpower to handle should there be an accident. Response time would be critical. We'd like to be patient and negotiate as the market needs to develop and to evaluate the technology progress. Preference to not allow, but review policy no later than 2 years-- sooner if solutions prove feasible. Discussed ever-changing technology such as sodium ion.

Solar Law –

Reviewed Chapter 108 -1 Solar Law and recommendations from the Solar Committee. Consensus on new language and updated technology are needed. Discussion on setbacks were had. Kevin Moore will provide footage of current projects and the group will review sites. 500' front seemed excessive, as did 150' side setbacks, particularly with new screening requirements. Supervisor Filipowicz will get advice from Richard Olson on "letters of intent" and if there is a time constraint associated with it. Text on D.5.b and other mentions of battery storage will be removed until needed. Councilperson Zink will present updated law at the June 13 Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #173
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino
Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Councilpersons D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw
Town Clerk

Approved 6-13-2023