

Bennington Town Board
December 6, 2023

Petition & Public Concerns

Resident Karen DaYoung requested clarification on the two votes for Delaware River Solar.
Vote #1: Yes. Negative Declaration. Answer: Explanation included below vote on page 2 of these minutes.

Vote #2: No. Special Use Permit. Answer: The project will not be moving forward in development.

Resident Christa Linsey requested a moratorium be put in place for future solar projects in the Town of Bennington. Supervisor E. Grant advised her request be put in writing and forwarded to the Town Clerk for further review by the Town Board and Town attorneys.

Residents Roman Bodarsky & Jenny Dimick made public apologies to town board members and fellow residents for emotional outbursts at previous public hearing discussions of solar projects.

Petitions, with 800+ signatures, opposing the Delaware River Solar Project, were delivered to the Town Hall prior to the meeting.

Resident Dave Tycska inquired about answers to his previously submitted questions regarding the solar project. Town Clerk Rosenthal will review and respond.

Resident Christa Linsey requested the use of Facebook to notify residents of current events.
Answer: The Town Clerk has an obligation to post legal ads in the legal section of a local newspaper with a paid circulation. A further step has been taken to develop a Town of Bennington resident email list to forward legal ad notifications. The town website: www.benningtonny.com posts all town board meeting minutes, agendas and is a wealth of information regarding available community services. Residents are encouraged to become familiar with the town website to stay informed.

Resident R. Bodarsky asked if grants are available to promote road repair and town businesses.
Answer: Town Supervisor E. Grant replied the Town has utilized the services of several grant writers in the past; re: grant monies used for new water meters for Cowlesville Water District. Currently, no grant money funding is available for road repair.

Any other Business to Come before the Board/County Matters

Supervisor E. Grant attended a meeting of the Fire Chiefs for the Towns of Bennington, Cowlesville, Harris Corners and Varysburg regarding fire district maps and how they compare to current tax maps. The Wyoming County GIS Dept. (geographical information system) continues to review and resolve fire district boundaries.

Adjourn at 8:45 pm. Attendance: 50+

Motion: J. Mohun.