

**Village of Freeville**  
**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**May 2, 2017**

A public hearing was held on May 2, 2017 to allow for comments on a law ordinance for Solar and Wind Energy in the Village of Freeville.

Present: Mayor David Fogel, Trustees Jason Cuykendall, Diana Radford, Planning Board Members Jim Krebs, Tom Cavataio, Ron Symanski, Village Residents Carl Burgess, Justin DiMatteo, Stephanie Ortolano, Paul Bateman, Kevin Dean, Public Works Pat Brennan, Dryden Town Board Member Deborah Cipolla-Dennis, Public Member Suzanne McMannis, Lynn McMannis, Treasurer Stephanie Mulinos, Clerk Edania Hernandez

Mayor David Fogel called the public hearing to order at 7:05 pm.

The public was asked for any comments and input about the newly drafted law governing renewable energy in the Village of Freeville.

The ordinance was based largely on the Town of Dryden Law on Solar and Wind, and the wind energy toolkit from the federal government.

Suzanne McMannis made comments to the drafted law. The comments were as follows:

1. The wind energy facility should be described as an off grid system
2. In Article II, Section 4, Height recommendation instead of requirement
3. In Article II, Section 5, Item B, Safety a fence would not seem feasible since it will be a tilt over tower.
4. In Article II, Section 5, Item 1, Insurance adding a cost for a policy that has never been written before.
5. In Article II, Section 6, Special Site Plan Requirement of a soil study if it could be postpone until application for a permit, and the engineering plans.
6. In Article II, Section 7 Site Plan Consideration, the language of “visual impact” is vague.

An open house at Weaver Wind has been set for Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>, where a balloon will be sent up 100ft. This will provide the village a visual of where the tower will stand.

David Fogel solicited the issue of posting a bond on decommissioning. Deborah Cipolla-Dennis from the Town of Dryden Board stated that Dryden requires a decommissioning plan on large scale turbines, cost is related to removing the system, and a bond is required on large projects not small scale.

Jim noted that off grid systems to be put into the ordinance. It was affirmed that the law pertains to the whole village and not one specific person.

Trustee Miles McCarty commented on the electronics of the turbine, sensors, and the anemometer. Suzanne will have Art Weaver send out a response on this.

Trustee Cuykendall made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Public hearing adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edania Hernandez  
Clerk