

**Town of Hamilton Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Held at the Poolville Community Center, Willey Road, Poolville, NY**

Present: Peter Darby, Mary Lee Dinski, Chris Rossi, Eve Ann Shwartz. Absent: David Holcomb. Others Present: Sue Reymers.

**Call to order & Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None.

**RESOLUTION 2018-65: Resolution to Schedule Public Hearing on the Proposed Solar Law “A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Hamilton to Add Provisions Regulating Solar Energy Systems”**

Councilor Darby re-introduced proposed Local Law No. B-2018, “A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Hamilton to Add Provisions Regulating Solar Energy Systems,” which Local Law would result in adding a new provision to be titled “Solar Facilities” to the Zoning Law to permit and regulate the construction of solar energy systems in the Town of Hamilton in a manner that preserves the health, safety and welfare of the Town while also facilitating the production of renewable energy, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Rossi:

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 9, 2018 proposed Local Law B-2018 was introduced by the Town Board and considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 9, 2018, the Town Board determined that this Local Law is a Type I Action and issued a negative declaration for purposes of SEQRA, thus concluding the environmental review process; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on said proposed Local Law on June 13, 2018 by the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, was submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard on connection with said proposed Local Law were heard; and

**WHEREAS**, based on comments received at the public hearing and the Town Board’s further review of the Local Law, certain revisions were made to said Local Law which revisions include: (1) providing a definition for the term “glare”; (2) clarifying the definition of “large-scale solar energy system”; (3) providing clarification for non-confirming property situations; (4) removing the minimum acreage requirement for ground-mounted small-scale solar energy systems; and (5) permitting solar energy systems which produce energy of 25 MW or more in Agriculture/Residential and Commercial Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to re-introduce proposed Local Law B-2018, as revised and to conduct a public hearing relative to the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board hereby reaffirms and adopts its SEQRA determination rendered on May 9, 2018 where the Town Board determined that this action shall have no adverse impact on the environment; that an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and issued a negative declaration under SEQRA; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board shall conduct a further public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. B-2018, as amended, at the Court House located at 60 Montgomery Street, Hamilton, New York on July 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Peter Darby	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Holcomb	Councilor	Voted	Absent
Chris Rossi	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Mary Lee Dinski	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Eve Ann Shwartz	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2018-66: Executive Session**

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0  
Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session for the purposes of personnel at 6:40 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2018-67: Return to Regular Session**

On a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Darby, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0  
Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 7:28 p.m.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Dinski, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Reymers  
Town Clerk