

SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 15TH 2021

A Special Meeting of the Mayfield Town Board was held on January 15th 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St, Mayfield NY 12117. The meeting was opened by Supervisor Richard Argotsinger with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger
Councilman Vincent Coletti
Councilwoman Melissa Mazzairelli
Councilwoman Roberta Ricciardi
ABSENT: Councilman Thomas Ruliffson

ALSO PRESENT: John Kessler, Jack Putman, John Canary, Roger Putman, Marilyn Salvione, Jim Skiff and Andrew DeGolyer.

Town Attorney Carmel Greco on speaker phone due to Covid.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Richard Argotsinger opened the Public Hearing at 1:01 PM.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Mayfield Town Board will hold a special meeting on Friday, January 15th 2021 at 1:00 PM for the purpose of a Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2021.

The purpose of this Local Law is a Local Law Amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Mayfield as it pertains to Solar Farm Construction and Development. All interested parties will be heard at this time. Nancy Parker, Town Clerk, Town of Mayfield

Marilyn Salvione spoke stating that she felt the proposed Local Law is acceptable, stated that it keeps with the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Mayfield in keeping the rural nature of the Town intact. Also the Local Law is fair to farmers and the community.

John Canary spoke stating the setbacks in the Local Law are not fair and his proposed solar farm is not visible to anyone.

Andrew Degolyer spoke stating that a law should be approved, but fair laws and on an individual basis.

Roger Putman also spoke against the setbacks stating that his solar plan will also not be visible to the road.

Marilyn Salvione spoke again stating that laws passed on an individual basis will open the Town up to accusations of playing favorites.

Jack Putman had comments on charts for setbacks.

Andrew DeGolyer asked how many solar farm permits were issued in 2020 in the county and will F.O.I.L the information.

John Canary stated he feels the Supervisor is abusing his position as Supervisor against solar development.

Town Attorney Carmel Greco stated the recommendation was made by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Law to reflect the setbacks in Local Law 1 of 2021. He also stated that all involved can apply for a variance and their case will be heard on a case by case basis.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was closed at 1:19 PM

RES #36 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Ricciardi the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board moves to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2021 by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Mazzarelli stated that not all land for solar farms is agricultural land, and that everyone can go to the Zoning Board to appeal the decisions. Councilwoman also questioned John Kessler as to where the 800 foot setback number came from.

John Kessler stated the 800 foot setback is to keep panels away from neighbors and centered in the owners property.

Councilwoman Mazzarelli stated she feels the 800 foot setback is extreme.

Councilman Coletti questioned John Kessler if the entire planning board was present and voted to approve the changes unanimously.

Councilwoman Ricciardi reminded everyone again that the Zoning Board of Appeals was available to everyone with an interest or investment in solar farms.

John Kessler also commented on the berms and trees planted on them, and has recommendations for native species from Godries Tree farm.

Supervisor Argotsinger stated that he resented John Canarys remarks and that the Comprehensive Plan and state laws must allow space for everything, including sex shops in Town. Supervisor Argotsinger also stated that he firmly believes the regulations are necessary, and stated he does not like the solar next door to him but cannot stop it. He also stated the gravel pit was on his property before he purchased it.

John Kessler stated the 800 foot setback is only for residential properties

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Argotsinger	YES
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Councilman Coletti	YES
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Councilwoman Mazzarelli	NO
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Councilwoman Ricciardi	YES
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Local Law No. 1 of 2021 is passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

RES #37 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilwoman Ricciardi the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board entered Executive Session at 1:41 PM

RES #38 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilwoman Mazzarelli the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board exited Executive Session at 2:13 PM.

RES #39 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the Clerk Appointment of Denise Feldle as Deputy Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilman Coletti the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Parker
Town Clerk/RMO