

Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 10:35 AM
Subject: Public Hearing NOH 2150 Dryden Rd 9-17-2020

Dear Dryden Board members and interested parties,

I am writing this letter in response to the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:15pm on September 17, 2020. The Dryden Town Board on that date and time has scheduled a public hearing for a Site Plan Review, labeled NOH 2150 Dryden Road Solar facility Interconnection, Dryden-Tompkins Solar II, LLC/True Green Capital for a Site Plan Amendment.

My first point I would like to make is I am wondering why this Public Hearing is even scheduled given the fact that the Dryden Planning Board according to Local Law #3, 2017 (Dryden Solar Law), has not reviewed this Site Plan change nor even aware of this change.

In Local Law #3, 2017, Dryden Solar Law, it clearly reads as follows:

F. Ground Mounted Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems

1. Ground-Mounted Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems are permitted as principal and accessory uses through the issuance of a special use permit as approved by the Town Board with PRIOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SITE PLAN BY THE PLANNING BOARD, within Conservation, Rural Agriculture, Rural Residential, Mixed-use Commercial, and Light Industrial zoning districts, subject to the requirements set forth in this section, including Site Plan approval.

The above law clearly states that the Dryden Planning Board should review this site plan BEFORE any public hearing should be scheduled, so obviously this Public Hearing should be postponed, pending Planning Board Review. Given the recent September 2nd article in the Dryden Courier, I realize that this Town Board, will probably choose to ignore any recommendations from the Planning Board, as Assistant Supervisor Lamb made that abundantly clear in the Courier Article, and this Board has a clear history of ignoring all its advisory boards. That being said, the Dryden Solar Law clearly states that the Planning board needs to review this site plan PRIOR to any Town Board public hearing.

My 2nd Point has to do the honesty and integrity, or lack there of, of Distributed Sun, and more specifically, their representative: Bhirath Srinivasan. Mr. Srinivasan clearly was not honest and forthright with the Dryden Public, both in his spoken words and the materials he presented to the town. Clearly NO MAPS I have ever seen for 2150 Dryden road ever showed the hideous above ground poles for the interconnections to the grid (and also the Ellis Project which I will address later), and Mr. Srinivasan clearly stated (which is now obviously shown to be false), that the interconnections at 2150 Dryden Rd. would ALL be underground except for the crossing of Virgil creek.

Please refer to Dryden Town Board meeting minutes dated 4-20-2017, Page 9:

Shirley Price-Asked whether the solar would have overhead wires to connect to the grid. B. Srinivasan said the only overhead connection is across the creek.

We now know that the statement by Mr. Srinivasan was completely false and at worst, was a flat out LIE. Ironically, the member of the public, Shirley Price who asked this question lives directly across George Road from where this new array of hideous poles are to be constructed, obviously ruining her viewscape, and her possibly property values.

It is shameful looking back that this Town Board approved these Large Scale Solar facilities based on information that we now know was deceiving, dishonest, false and many times inter dispersed with Lies and falsehoods. Not only should this illegal and ridiculous Public Hearing be canceled but this Town board should finally show some back bone and finally reject not only this site plan review but also find out why their was no Public Hearing for the Ellis Tract Site, when no poles are apparent on their site plan maps either.

Thank you,

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