

Statement for Public Hearing 10-15-2020, True Green Capital LLC, interconnection

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Dear Dryden Supervisor, Town Clerk and other interested parties,

I am submitting this letter to be made part of the official record for tonights (10-15-2020) Dryden Town Board public hearing concerning the True Green Capital, LLC, interconnection application at 2150 Dryden Rd.

After last nights (10-14-2020) Town of Dryden, Agricultural Advisory Board meeting where they unanimously passed a resolution, in complete unanimity with the Conservation Board, and the Planning Board opposing this NEW plan to have all interconnections at 2150 Dryden Rd. ABOVE ground, and return to the originally agreed upon plan to have ALL interconnections underground, except of course for the one single line crossing Virgil Creek. In addition to all 3 boards coming to this unanimous decision, the group known as "Dryden Resource Awareness Coalition" or DRAC also came to this conclusion. In fact, to my knowledge, NOT A SINGLE resident in the Town of Dryden has spoken in favor of adding another set of hideous pole arrays like the ones on the Ellis Project and the Carpenter project.

Now we are well aware that the Town Board has a long and embarrassing history of ignoring its advisory boards, as was made abundantly clear by Assistant Supervisor Lamb, in the September 3rd article in the Dryden Courier, that resulted in the abrupt resignation of the Planning Board Chair. So the fact that ALL three advisory boards passed this resolution unanimously, its quite apparent that we can only expect the Dryden Town Board to ignore its boards.

OK, Lets go back to WHY, all three advisory boards passed this resolution with such conviction and unanimity. Thats an easy one to decipher as all three boards, like all the residents of Dryden, realize the fact that WE ALREADY HAVE AN APPROVED PLAN in place. A plan that went through literally months of Public hearings, by all the Boards in Dryden and was scrutinized during multiple court challenges. These boards realize that this new plan would completely UNDERMINE the entire

process we adhere to in Dryden, and basically leave All public hearings as completely worthless endeavors, especially to the citizens of Dryden who expect that public hearings are to be trusted.

Speaking of TRUST, we now know that the words spoken and part of the public record, by many of these companies and developers are not to be trusted as is evidenced by the now infamous 4-20-2017 Town Board meeting, and Mr. Srinivasans reply to Shirley Price. Is this surprising? Of course not BUT are quotes from our elected officials to be trusted? One would hope so, and maybe tonight, we will find out if the quotes attributed to Supervisor Leifer in the TB meeting dated 11-14-2019, where Supervisor Leifer is quoted as saying he doesnt want these at the cemetery site, can also be not trusted.

So IF, this new application is approved, here are the conclusions we can draw from such an egregious decision:

1. That this Town Board lacks the backbone and guts to stand up to Large companies and developers, such as Distributed Sun, True Green Capital LLC, Delaware River, Trinitas, Dominion etc.
2. That this Town Board has no intention of ever listening to any of its Advisory Boards, which calls into question why we even have these advisory boards.
3. That Public meetings where the Dryden citizens expect honesty and transparency, are basically now completely worthless endeavors that the citizens of Dryden can no longer trust.
4. Documents that come out of these public meetings like Sketch Plan, Site Plan etc. also can no longer be trusted.
5. All plans in Dryden including the Comprehensive Plan, Agricultural Protection Plan, Varna Plan, Open Space Plan, Natural Resources Plan etc. are now seen as worthless documents, not worth the paper they are written on.
6. That once a company or developer in Dryden receives an approved SUP or Building permit, that they now have been granted basically free reign to do as they please with little to no oversight by the Town Board, Planning dept. and the Planning Director. This was pointed out by the Planning Board chair in their most recent meeting.
7. That statements made publicly by our elected officials, including the Town Supervisor, can no longer be trusted.
8. Finally, and of course most importantly, the Citizens of Dryden have

NO SAY, in what happens in their town.

Thank you,

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