

RESOLUTION # ____ (2020) - Approving Site Plan Amendment and Reaffirming SEQR determination for Electric interconnect at 2150 Dryden Road, Tax Parcel 38.-1-3.11

Cl _____ offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS,

A. Dryden-Tompkins Solar II, LLC (True Green Capital Management) has applied to amend their site plan for the large-scale solar facility at 2150 Dryden Road, Tax parcel 38.-1-3.11 detailing how this facility will interconnect to the electric grid, and

B. The original site plan was approved by the Town Board on August 17, 2017, and

C. An application dated 8-17-20, visual analysis dated 7-29-20, response letter dated 9-17-20, a SWPPP modification report dated 9-23-20, and a sketch plan labeled "Pole Farm site plan, Option 1A" dated 10-16-20 have been submitted, and

D. The Town Planning Department considers the application complete and in conformance with the requirements of Town Zoning Law §1102, and

E. A public hearing was held on September 17, 2020 and resumed on October 15 and October 22 with public comments registered in the meeting minutes and considered by this board, and

F. The Tompkins County Planning Department has reviewed the application pursuant §239 -l, -m, and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law, and

G. In a letter dated October 21, 2020, the Tompkins County Planning Department stated that they have no recommendations or comments on this proposal, and

H. The Town Engineer has reviewed this application and provided comments in a letter dated 10-21-20 regarding the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and environmental impacts and this has been considered by this board, and

I. Pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden has, on July 20, 2017, made a negative determination of environmental significance, after having reviewed and accepted as adequate the Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3, and

J. The Town Board has reviewed this application relative to the considerations and standards found in Town Zoning Law §1104 for site plan review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town of Dryden Town Board hereby reaffirms its negative determination of environmental significance that was made on July 20, 2017, in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617 New York State Environmental Quality Review for the above referenced proposal, based on the information in the EAF Part 1 and for the reasons set forth in the EAF Parts 2 and 3, and, therefore, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

2. The Town Board approves the sketch plan documents as referenced in C. above, as a site plan amendment for 2150 Dryden Road, and waives further site plan review, conditioned on the following prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance:

- a. A landscaping plan, to include at least 10 evergreen trees to augment the screening provided by the natural vegetation buffer along George Road as well as maintaining that existing vegetation buffer, shall be submitted to and approved by the Town Engineer and Planning Director.
- b. Confirm with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that this plan meets their Virgil Creek setback requirements.
- c. Bollards shall be placed to protect the guy wire anchors nearest the 40 foot wide access lane at the east corner of the 18 pole matrix.
- d. Vegetation removal across Virgil Creek will be limited to only those trees that will immediately impair the overhead lines and shorter understory vegetation will not be cut. Any tree stumps should remain to avoid soil disturbance. Future tree cutting should be limited to these same requirements.
- e. The pervious access road detail per NYSDEC requirements be added to the plan set.
- f. The Town of Dryden Standard Conditions of Approval as amended August 14, 2008.

2nd Cl _____