

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Wednesday evening, June 27, 2012 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road. Members present were Supervisor Patricia Southworth, Councilwoman Mary Beth Hynes, Councilman Timothy Szczepaniak, Councilman Jeremy Knight and Councilman William Goslin. Also present were Town Attorney Murry Brower and Town Clerk Carol Shemo.

Supervisor Southworth opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the legal ad for the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive input regarding the adoption of the proposed Solar Collection Code which requires persons installing a solar collection system obtain a building permit in all zones in the Town of Ballston for systems that are mounted on an existing structure and for those that are free standing and which would require an area use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals because the units are ten feet or higher. The Town Board of the Town of Ballston will review the environmental significance of said proposed Local Law.

Mr. Botsford has a Solar Collection Code concern; he would like the word “abutting” to be replaced with the word “neighboring”. Solar panels at an angle, with the sun at a certain level, can reflect a glare to the neighbors across the street.

Mr. Sweeney said he appreciates the effort and the changes that the Town Board made to the Solar Collection Code. He wished that the legislation regulated solar systems lower than 10 feet. Also, under the heading, Purpose and Intent, of the Solar Collection Code, first paragraph, he thinks the word “minimum” should be replaced by the word “maximum” when referring to the footprint or height.

No one else wished to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk