

**Town of Northumberland
Public Hearing
July 14, 2016**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the Public Hearing to order @ 7:00 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant and Supervisor Willard Peck. Also attending were Town Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to get the public's comments on Proposed Local Law #2 of 2016 – A Local Law Amending Local Law #4 of the year 2006. Supervisor Willard Peck read the proposed Local Law:

Article II B. Definitions

Accessory Solar Collection System. A solar voltaic cell, panel or array, or solar hot air or water collector device which relies upon solar radiation as an energy source for collection, inversion, storage and distribution of solar energy for electricity generation or transfer of stored heat, primarily for use on the premises on which such structures are erected and which are secondary to the use of the premises for other lawful purposes. Accessory Solar Collection Systems may be either Rooftop/Building mounted Solar Collection Systems or Freestanding/Ground-mounted Solar Collection Systems.

Accessory Freestanding/Ground-mounted Solar Collection System. An Accessory Solar Collection System that is directly installed on the ground.

Accessory Rooftop/Building mounted Solar Collection System. An Accessory Solar Collection System that is mounted on a roof or wall of a principal or accessory building and which does not extend more than 4 feet above the roof or out from the wall of such building.

Article XI. SSUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

K. Special Lot Regulations

5. Nothing in this section shall be construed as automatically reducing the Area & Bulk requirements of "Attachment A" hereof established for Accessory Freestanding/Ground-mounted Solar Collection Systems or Accessory Rooftop/Building mounted Solar Collection Systems.

Supervisor Willard Peck also stated that there were changes to Attachment A – "Schedule of Permitted Uses, Minimum Lot Sizes Area and Bulk Regulations to reflect Solar Collection Systems.

At this point Supervisor Willard Peck opened the Public Hearing for comments. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that this proposed Local Law deals with Individual's installing solar not commercial solar farms.

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Dave Hoffman stated that he would like a more defined definition of "Primary Use". Supervisor Peck stated that could be expanded at a later date. Right now, the Board is trying to come up with language to allow solar collection systems. Our current zoning does not address that.

Brad McDebitt, Solar Project asked for a better definition of Residential System. Does that mean a business, let's say a "Stewarts" shop could not install Solar for their business. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that would be allowed. The wording states that as long as there is a principal use on the lot, solar collection systems can be added. Mr. McDebitt asked what if a business needs a large amount of Solar to work, and they have vacant land in another area, could the panels be installed on that vacant land and used at their business, known as remote metering. Supervisor Willard Peck stated, based on this Local Law, the answer is no. The Town Board is reviewing and coming up with language to address off site and Commercial installation of Solar Collection Systems. Supervisor Willard Peck stated the Moratorium is still in effect regarding these types of Solar Collection Systems.

There were no other comments from the Public. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing @ 7:20 PM. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D Murphy
Town Clerk