

Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
Delaware River Solar NY Dryden I & II
June 7, 2018
1:00 PM
Dryden Town Hall
93 East Main Street, Dryden NY

Present: Heather McDaniel (for Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency), Martha Robertson (TCIDA Board), Marie McRae, Annalise Kukor, Patricia Dubin, Charles Geisler, Anne Rhodes

1. Heather McDaniel called the public hearing to order at 1:00 PM
2. Public hearing notice was read.

Ms. McDaniel gave a brief overview of the projects and incentives contemplated by the TCIDA.

3. Call for comments.

Marie McRae – She spoke in favor of the PILOT for Delaware River Solar. If we are giving tax abatements we should be giving them in the direction of supporting community goals, like renewables.

Patricia Dubin – She thanked the IDA for making a policy for solar and giving opportunities for solar in Tompkins County. The State and Country are more and more unfavorable to renewables. As a tax payer, this is where I want my tax dollars going. She heard on the radio today that \$2.5 billion in solar was cancelled due to federal tariffs. Thank you IDA for what you do.

Annalise Kukor – In the face of climate change it is vital we support this. Support renewable energy with our dollars.

Charles Geisler – I'm in favor of the project. I am appreciative of the IDA creating forums for reducing fossil fuels. The Governor's visit last month shows we can do things that many other communities can't or won't do. The County and Town leadership should support this kind of development. Others will want to join in when they see us doing it.

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Anne Rhodes – If you are going to give tax abatements, the projects need to give back to the community. When the IDA gave incentives to the Marriott, the community didn't get anything in return. Our other needs, like drug treatment and homeless shelters, are forfeited because we are not getting those tax dollars. Solar feels different. This does give back to the community, creating renewable energy and giving residents an option to choose renewables.

4. The hearing was adjourned at 1:18 PM