

Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency

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**Minutes of Public Hearing
Carrowmoor Solar, LLC
January 8, 2024 @ 2:00 pm
Town Hall, Town of Ithaca
215 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850
and
Via Zoom and Livestreamed on YouTube**

Present: Heather McDaniel (IAED for Tompkins County IDA), Ina Arthur (IAED), Rich John, Anne Koreman – remote (TCIDA Board), R. Howe (Supervisor, Town of Ithaca), Jimmy Jordon (Ithaca Voice)

1. Heather McDaniel called the public hearing to order at 2:00 pm.
2. Heather McDaniel gave an overview of the project and the proposed incentive.
3. Public comment was heard from the following:

Leon Edward Zaharis – 1398 Mecklenburg Road, Ithaca NY

I have three things of concern with this project.

- 1) Fire risk. The winds in the area blow East to West and if a fire were to break out at the site of the solar farm they would travel to a populated area.
 - 2) The need for tax abatements. Providing a PILOT and sales tax exemption for this project will lead to a loss of revenue for the Town of Ithaca. A similar situation was when Cargill was granted sales tax exemption for its fourth mine shaft.
 - 3) Use of transformers and inverters at this solar farm site. Other solar farms in the region do not have the transformers and inverters which reduces the fire risk. I see no reason why this cannot be a simple solar farm.
4. The hearing was adjourned at 2:15 am.