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Thank you for your comments, I will file them in my folder.

Thank you,
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Supervisor Lachterman and Members of the Town Board,
Chairman Richard Fon and Members of the Planning Board

As I read the proposed amended Town Law on Solar Farms, I wonder if it was written to benefit the Town or to benefit developers. Was this amended law written by the Town Attorney or a developers' attorney?

“Paragraph A. (4) (a) Taking advantage of a safe, abundant, and nonpolluting energy resource.”

What does this mean? Who is taking advantage of this resource? Residents of Yorktown or residents of somewhere else like New York City? The solar farms, to date, connect to the ConEd system. What is the peak electric load that Yorktown residents draw from the ConEd system. The current installed solar capacity in Yorktown exceeds 16.54 MW of electricity with an additional 6.75 MW proposed.

“Paragraph A. (4) (b) Decreasing the cost of energy to the owners of commercial and residential properties, including single-family houses”

I question this statement as I am enrolled in community solar and my savings is insignificant and when considering the aggravation in dealing with my utility and getting my solar credits, I find that the savings is virtually non-existent.

“Paragraph A. (4) (c) Increasing employment and business development in the region by furthering the installation of solar energy systems”

This statement, while may be true, is somewhat disingenuous. There will be no long-term increase in employment in Yorktown since solar farms do not require local employees. Yes, there may be development in the region at the expense of Yorktown with no benefit to Yorktown. Perhaps the Town of Yorktown should get a defined

percentage of the value of the energy created in addition to and taxes collected.

The proposed amendment also lessens the screening requirements and additionally totally removes the “fully screened” requirements.

In my opinion, the proposed amended solar law as written does not benefit Yorktown or its residents but does benefit developers at the expense of Yorktown and its residents.

Jay Kopstein