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The proposed solar law should be tabled and the existing moratorium continued. The proposed solar law as written may not benefit Yorktown but may turn Yorktown in to a platter of industrial glass. I am excluding residential solar from my comments. The solar farms built or proposed are to be connected to the ConEd System. For example, as to determine the benefit to Yorktown, what is the current peak load consumption in Yorktown from the ConEd System? Currently, the built or approved commercial solar capacity in Yorktown is 16.54 MW. The proposed additional solar capacity is another 6.75 MW. Is this capacity for Yorktown, Chappaqua or New York City?

Further, the proposed law eliminates the requirement for a site to be “fully screened” to a site being “reasonably screened”. While the implementation of this adjustment may be reasonably interpreted by the current Planning Board, who knows how a future Planning Board may interpret it? Further, the term “reasonably” is subjective and will open the Town up to litigation.

Also, in addition to property taxes collected, the Town should consider how to increase the revenue stream derived from any new solar farms.

It should be noted that solar farms are passive and will create neither jobs nor sales tax revenue for Yorktown.

The destruction of habitat is not fully taken into consideration during the environmental assessment. The removal of trees does not only impact carbon sequestration and pollutant removal but also negatively impacts birds of prey, such as owls. The result is an increase in pests such as chipmunks, squirrels, field mice, snakes and other pests since their predation will be decreased.

Supervisor Lachterman, in light of a recent court opinion, thank you for temporarily suspending the fluoridation of the Town's public water supply. I agree with the Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 280 of the Town Code.

Members of the town's ambulance corps recently recommended a budget addition of 400 thousand dollars to add an additional ALS Fly Car for the Town. The ALS Commission and ambulance corps' websites have ^{no} data as to responses or services rendered nor is there any information as to billing practices. The Governor has signed legislation allowing for the billing of services rendered even if there is no transport. The board or its designee must review the administrative practices of the ALS Commission as to administrative procedures and processes to determine the necessity of an additional Fly Car, the funding and revenue sources for an additional Fly Car if needed. This must be done prior to beginning the current budget process.

There is a business in the Triangle Shopping Center that has continuously parked, for several years, an unregistered truck that is open and used for business's solid waste recycling apparently in violation of Section 275-30 of the Town Code.

There are several law firms that regularly appear before the Board. I ask each board member if you have any non-Town related professional relationships with any law firm or realtor that regularly appears before the board? Board members should remember that perception becomes reality. Therefore, if there is an appearance of a conflict of interest, the member concerned should request an official opinion from the Ethics Board.