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The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, June 4, 2026**, at the town hall.

Supervisor Hogue called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present – Daniel S. Hogue, Jr., Supervisor
Steven Budofsky, Councilperson
Vincent Galligan, Councilperson
Susan Parks Landis, Councilperson
Robert Sipos, Councilperson

Other Present Troy Johnstone, Attorney for the Town

Recording Teresa Collins, Town Clerk
Secretary

MINUTES – May 7, 2026, regular town board meeting minutes are acknowledged receipt.

MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis.

Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS - # 108-122 in the sum of \$19,042.28 as set forth in abstract #7 of 2026 were audited for payment. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky to pay for the General Fund Vouchers 2026.

Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS - # 63-80 in the sum of \$28,624.87 as set forth in abstract #5 of 2026 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Sipos, to accept the Highway Fund Vouchers 2026. Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE –

townofforestburgh@hvc.rr.com

From: sandy monroe <samon7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 7:38 PM
To: Townofforestburgh@hvc.rr.com
Subject: STOP the solar project and protect Forestburgh!

Please stop the solar project and protect Forestburgh. Please do not cut the forest out of Forestburgh! Do not let them destroy the Neversink Gorge that is 75th of the last great places in the United States. If NYC needs power, send the solar fields to the NYC watershed, not here.

Sincerely,
Sandra Monroe

townofforestburgh@hvc.rr.com

From: Barbara Leone <issovi714@twc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 7:32 PM
To: townofforestburgh@hvc.rr.com
Subject: FW: STOP THE SOLAR PROJECT

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From: "Barbara Leone" <issovi714@twc.com>
Reply-To: <Issovi714@twc.com>
To: <oberacker@nysenate.gov>
Cc: <kayp@assembly.gov>
Sent: May 17, 2026 at 11:03 AM EDT
Subject: STOP THE SOLAR PROJECT
Senator Peter Oberback, Assembly Woman Paula Kay, Town of Forestburgh Town Board,

Please do all in your power, as our elected officials, to STOP the 200mega watt solar fiels in the Neversink Gorge. Please do not take the Forest out of our beautiful town of Forestburgh. If New York City is in need of power, please send the solar fields to the NYC watershed.

Respectfully yours,

Barbara and Robert Leone
24 Forestburgh Road, Forestburg, NY 12777
issovi714@twc.com

Bill Sipos
21 Valley Rd.
Forestburgh NY 12777
845-798-7266

May 28th 2026

Members of the Forestburgh Town Board;

This correspondence is being sent on behalf of myself and so many concerned residents of Forestburgh. It is imperative that we protect "Forest" in Forestburgh . The RWE Town solar line project needs to be halted, stopped at all costs for saving our Town and its natural beauty. This Project is 1,200 acres and a 10 acre battery storage facility. The NEVERSINK GORGE UNIQUE AREA is 75th last greatest places in America.

I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO STAND UP AND PROTECT OUR FOREST AND VOTE "NO" ON RWE SOLAR PROJECT IMMEDIATELY! FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, WE VOTED IN COMPLETE OPPOSITION OF FRACKING FOREVER THIS IS NO DIFFERENT! Please look at the Solar project that is operation on sixty acres, before the Firehouse going towards town.They cut down the Forest for that. That was just sixty acres.Now imagine twelve hundred.

I have attached a letter from a BIOLOGIST by the name of Chris Titus. Chris has outlined the major decimation and imperative damages to our ecosystem and many protected species not to mention protecting the vast amount of Forestry from potential decimation. Solar farms, this vast have no place in our community. The Forestburgh Fire Department does not have enough manpower nor equipment to handle a catastrophe event should one occur.

WE HAVE A HOME RULE LAW.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION NOW AND SEND OUR RESPONSES TO THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES WITHIN NEW YORK!

Thank you,



Bill Sipos

Members of The Forestburgh Town Board

Hi, my name is Chris Titus, a biologist in the Monticello area. I've been leading a community push to stop development in the area of the Neversink Gorge protected area. There are 3 proposed projects being proposed in our area, one of the major ones and the reason I'm reaching out is a 1200 acre Town Line Solar project being proposed in an old growth forest in Monticello, NY. Any support or insight you could help us with would be greatly appreciated. The process for Solar has subverted our Town and local government, Region 3 NYSDEC directed me to Albany, Albany to ORES. ORES does not respond. Below is a FOIL request I initiated into the project. Appreciate any help you can provide. The area is significant ecologically and I am deeply concerned about this project, while I support Sustainable Development, not at the cost of ecological integrity.

Version 1: Focus on Hydrology & Ecological Protection

Purpose: Target the ORES and NYSDEC to demand detailed stormwater, wetland, and wildlife impact transparency.

To: New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) and NYSDEC

Subject: Petition for Transparency: Stormwater, Wetlands, and Ecological Studies for Town Line Solar

We, the undersigned residents and stakeholders of Sullivan County, urge ORES to require a full public vetting of all environmental and engineering files concerning the RWE Town Line Solar project. Because of the project's massive footprint and proximity to sensitive local water features like Mercer Brook and the Neversink River, the public cannot fully assess environmental risks without complete, unredacted disclosure of the following documents:

1. **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP):** Complete and unabridged versions of the SWPPP, including all revisions.
2. **Hydrological & Hydraulic Modeling:** All data and assumptions used to calculate storm design capacities (including 100-year and 500-year storm models), climate change adjustments, and applied resiliency standards.

3. **Wetland & Article 24 Compliance:** All post-January 2025 regulatory update documentation, wetland delineation maps, field data sheets, and mitigation plans for wetland or buffer impacts.
4. **Ecological Surveys:** All biological assessments, bat and avian impact studies, forest fragmentation studies, and specific invasive species management/mitigation protocols (e.g., wash-off protocols and pre-start removals).

We respectfully request that you mandate comprehensive public review of these documents before finalizing any permit decisions.

Version 2: Focus on Forestry & Logging Operations

Purpose: Highlight the unannounced logging operations and push for trucking and land-use accountability.

To: Town of Thompson Planning Board, Town of Forestburgh, and Sullivan County Officials

Subject: Petition to Halt and Review Unannounced Forestry & Logging Operations at Town Line Solar

We, the undersigned, formally request immediate municipal intervention and regulatory oversight regarding the preemptive timber harvesting and logging operations currently tied to the Town Line Solar project. Residents have witnessed significant tree clearing occurring prior to the completion of the public comment period and without adequate prior notification to Town or County authorities. To protect our community's forests, we demand the immediate release and review of the following items:

1. **Timber Harvesting:** All issued timber harvesting permits and approvals.
2. **Transportation & Pest Management:** Trucking compliance documentation verifying destination of harvested timber and compliance with forest pest transport regulations (including the 50-mile transport limit).
3. **Alternatives Analysis:** Justification and Environmental Impact Statement sections detailing why sensitive forest land was chosen over brownfields or right-of-way (ROW) expansion.

Our community deserves answers regarding who authorized this logging, where our local timber is going, and how developers plan to stop the spread of forest pests.

Version 3: Focus on Battery Energy Storage & Public Safety

Purpose: Request vital safety, emergency response, and modeling data regarding the 100 MW BESS.

To: Town of Thompson Planning Board, Sullivan County Division of Planning & Environmental Management

Subject: Petition for Complete BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) Safety and Emergency Documentation

We, the undersigned, represent community members demanding transparency regarding the proposed 100 MW, 400 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) slated for Rose Valley and Cold Spring roads. Battery storage facilities present unique risks that directly impact local first responders and nearby residents. We request the public release and independent review of the following before any local approvals are granted:

1. **Fire & Hazard Mitigation:** The full Fire Mitigation Plan and corresponding emergency response capabilities for thermal runaway events. This report should also elucidate the measures RWE is taking to prepare local fire departments to handle any potential fire.
2. **Proximity & Siting Reports:** Engineering reports detailing potential cascading failure impacts on adjacent ecological areas and nearby residences.
3. **Failure Analysis:** Modeling of potential toxic gas release, air dispersion, effected community based on air modeling, and water runoff resulting from fire suppression efforts.

We ask the Town and County to secure binding commitments for comprehensive local emergency services training and equipment funding before this project moves forward.

Version 4: Focus on Wildlife Displacement & Pest Mitigation

Purpose: Target ORES and municipal leaders to address the displacement of animals across 1,200 acres and the subsequent rise in neighborhood pests.

To: New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), NYSDEC, and the Towns of Thompson and Forestburgh

Subject: Urgent Petition: Addressing 1,200 Acres of Wildlife Displacement and Resulting Neighborhood Pest Surges

We, the undersigned residents and neighbors of the Town Line Solar project, write to express our deep concern over the massive, irreversible disruption to local wildlife. Clear-cutting and fencing off 1,200 acres of contiguous forest will permanently displace thousands of native animals, forcing them into surrounding residential neighborhoods. This catastrophic habitat loss directly threatens local biodiversity and creates immediate public health and safety issues for homeowners. To protect our community and hold developers accountable, we demand the immediate public release and independent review of:

1. **Wildlife Displacement Impacts:** All biological assessments, habitat surveys, and tracking data detailing exactly where displaced wildlife is expected to migrate.
2. **Comprehensive Mitigation Plans:** Binding strategies to manage large mammal displacement (such as deer and bears) and specific protections for endangered, threatened, or special-concern species (including local bat and avian populations).
3. **Residential Pest Management Control:** A proactive, developer-funded plan to manage the inevitable surge of ticks, rodents, and other pests in surrounding neighborhoods. Removing 1,200 acres of natural predators and ground cover will cause a spike in pest vectors, increasing local risks for Lyme disease and property damage.
4. **Invasive Species Controls:** Strict, transparent enforcement of wash-off protocols, track plates, and weed removal to prevent invasive flora from overtaking the cleared borders and migrating into our private yards.

Our community cannot bear the ecological and financial burden of this massive displacement. We request that no further site work or permitting be approved until a funded, legally binding wildlife and pest mitigation framework is established for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Christopher Titus
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Monticello, NY 12701
wildlifebio@protonmail.com

845-320-6138

06/04/2026

Town Board

Town of Forestburgh
322 King Rd, Forestburgh, NY 12777
By: Electronic Mail

Dear Members of the Town Board:

My correspondence to the Board of late has been focused on the requirements of open government under New York's Open Meetings Law and Freedom of Information Law, with which the Town has not been complying.

In that same spirit of transparency, and without commenting on the merits of the Town Line Solar application itself, which has not yet been submitted, I write to express serious concern regarding the process and level of public disclosure surrounding this project.

At the last meeting, the Town Supervisor began his presentation by stating that he knew Town Line Solar had been doing a lot of clear-cutting, on their project of 3000 acres, but that no application had yet been submitted. When Board Member Galligan asked whether such clear-cutting was permitted, the Supervisor acknowledged that Walter Garigliano owns the property, that clear-cutting had been occurring for more than a year, and that complaints had been received regarding water runoff in Thompson.

When Councilman Galligan specifically asked about Forestburgh, however, the Supervisor's response appeared evasive. He stated that the bulk of the project is in Thompson, that it comes down into Forestburgh "a little bit," and that he does not know what is happening in Forestburgh and has not heard anything.

That does not sound like a forthcoming answer, and is difficult to reconcile with the scale of the proposed project.

This proposal seems to involve a 200 MW solar facility and a 100 MW storage component, of about 1,200 acres, involving substantial acreage in Forestburgh, not merely "a bit." The properties involved are owned by Justin Evans and Walter Garigliano. Given the magnitude of the proposal and its impact on Forestburgh, it is surprising that the Town Supervisor would have no knowledge of activities occurring within the Town.

Additionally, and without going into detail about relationships and project history, this is not the first solar project associated with Walter Garigliano. A previous project, a fraction of the size of the current proposal, but still significant, involving approximately 50 acres, and over 10,000 solar panels, was constructed on Route 42. That project was supposed to comply with all local Town Laws and was approved with representations, apparently accepted

by Planning Board Chair Robbins, that it would not be visible from the road. That was not true, as subsequently acknowledged post construction by the planning board.

Notably, in 2018 the Town passed a moratorium on solar farms, appointed a Solar Committee and later enacted new restrictive regulations, and then in 2023 apparently reversed course expedited another new law that appears to have been tailored to accommodate Solar, apparently on the behest of Walter Garigliano, which right thereafter represented an application to develop a Solar project.

To illustrate the results of this, below are some before, during and after images:





Suffice it to say, these circumstances warrant careful public scrutiny.

The Supervisor's statement that he does not know what is occurring in Forestburgh raises serious questions. Either the Town's leadership is not being informed about a major project potentially affecting the community, or relevant information has not been fully shared with the public. Neither possibility promotes public confidence in the Town's decision-making process.

Given the history of the Town approach to transparency and accountability, these concerns should not be pushed under the rug, but rather addressed by the Board, publicly and transparently.

Sincerely,

Jehuda Miller

Board of assessments Review – Looking for two board members for the board of assessment review.

Server for Town Computers – Teresa Collins Town Clerk/Councilperson Galligan- we done a lot of vetting and spoke to different groups. We found that Computer doctor does 90% of Sullivan County as far as computer work. Very reliable and does great with people. He works off state funds for state bids as far as the cost goes which allow us to basically work with him and factually set up some assessment. We did check with a few other vendors, but it seems like the only ones that are interested in Sullivan County are just newbies, people that have just started in the business. **Supervisor Hogue** – The town basically runs off internet like you have in your house right now. This would be the town in the modern era, so to speak with a secure server that would store all the town information instead of just being in a cloud or your Microsoft account. It is something we are going to have to do if we gain another 150 residents. So, we are kind of trying to be proactive and do it now because it is time. Most towns in Sullivan County have gone to the .gov thing with servers. In today day and age with ransomware and everything else that you do, insurance company highly recommends. **Councilperson Galligan** -I recommend that we budget \$30,000 and if everybody approves gets it started with computer doctor based on state bid process for the equipment and his views of what his labor is going to cost. That includes doing everything by backing up all the systems we currently have in the new system and that includes the new computers. **Supervisor Hogue** – we do have funds to purchase it, in contingency and in unallocated fund balance.

MOTION by Councilperson Galligan seconded by Councilperson Landis is not to exceed \$30,000 in the purchase of a server system and associated equipment from the computer doctor. Roll call: Supervisor Hogue – aye, Councilperson Budofsky – aye, Councilperson Landis – aye, Councilperson – Sipos – aye, Councilperson Galligan – aye
Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Camera system for Highway Department- Supervisor Hogue- we have been trying to get some estimates from people. PN Fire & Burglar Alarm gave us an estimate of \$5,253.50. Councilperson Galligan contacted One Stop Computer in Port Jervis, and their estimate quote is \$1,999.99 for 1 cameras, 8 security cameras that have smart AI human face detection, set up installations and run all necessary cable and terminals and set up configure it to remote app access.

MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky to purchase the eight cameras from One Stop Computer for the cost of \$1,999.99.
Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Highway Diesel Fuel Tank- Supervisor Hogue – highway garage has a leak on the internal tank into the external tank. The tank has been there for probably close to 30 years. Town engineer Joe Gottlieb will draw up some specs for it. We need to pick a date for open bid. Open bid date is July 15,2026 at 2 p.m. at the town clerk office.

July Meeting – Supervisor Hogue – Board members won't be available on July 2nd; therefore, we would not have a quorum. Meeting re-scheduled for July 16th at 6 p.m.

Standard Workday – Supervisor Hogue – we need to motion to adopt. The Town of Forestburgh Board hereby adopts a standard workday and reporting resolution for elected and appointed officials which we report, submitted to the New York State Local Retirement System based on regular activities, maintained and submitted by the officials to the clerk of this body. New York State requires that every so many years the official of the town that works here.

MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Sipos, to accept standard workday records that were submitted so we can send it to the state.

Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Liquor License- Supervisor Hogue – we received a standard notice form for a 30- day notice to a local municipality or community board from Anthony Marusic of Forage Pizza. It's a application for a liquor license. The town has 30 days to respond, or we can motion to waive the 30 days and just send it back that we waive the 30-days advance notice requirement for Forage Pizza at 2846 State Route 42.

MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Sipos, to acknowledge the receipt of the application and waive the 30 day response.

Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Surplus – Supervisor Hogue – Dog Control Office would like to declare a crate for transport of dogs as surplus, so we would be allowed to discard it.

MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Landis, to declare the crate that we have for transport of dogs as surplus and leave it up to the animal control officer to dispose of it as appropriate.

Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Town Line Solar Project- Supervisor Hogue- I met with the with the Town of Thompson and Sullivan County, Heather Brown and Scott Mace, a member of Bill Rieber prior to Scott Mace about the town line solar project which was proposed on the town line between Thompson and Forestburgh over by the Melody Lake area. There is a lot of misinformation out there. There is a lot of bad information out there. The real information that I have gathered from the meeting from RWE who is the builder of it, and from our towns and the county representatives, is a 200 megawatt power station capable of powering approximately 27000 homes. There is a battery energy storage system proposed. There has not been an application submitted. The application gets submitted to ORES not to the town. So, until there is an application there is really all we know until we can see the application. New York State DEC hasn't even seen the application yet. So, 2,887 acres in total between the two towns. There are approximately 1,200 acres of panels.

What pertains to this town is 1,100 acres in the Town of Forestburgh. There will be approximately 300 acres of that which will be panels. The battery energy storage system originally proposed to be in Forestburgh is now in the Town of Thompson close proximity to the Marshy South Power Line. Forestburgh is largely or wholly an environmental conservation mitigation portion of the project. Of those 1,100 acres about 800 acres will remain undisturbed. It's a 20 year plan for the panels. So, for 20 years it'll be 800 acres that undisturbed. 300 acres of panels are mostly on existing food plots that have been planted over the years back there by hunting clubs. There will be some tree cutting back in there, but it will be minimal as compared to the tree cutting that has occurred already in the Town of Thompson. The property owner themselves did that. **The process.** In 2019 New York State created the Climate Control Act and that where they created the office of renewable Energy Siting which is ORES. In 2020 during the budget process New York State gave ORES the sole responsibility of reviewing approving or denying applications for large scale solar which is anything over 25 megawatts. Local ZBA boards may hear requests for variances for various local law discrepancies such as height, setbacks, and lot coverage but ORES has the authority to override whatever your local government says, what your local zoning does. Town boards and local government do not have the authority to say yes or no to projects of this size. The state took that away from us. New York State is a home rule state, not the town but New York state is. However, with litigation we are slowly losing our rights as citizens, and we are losing our rights as local government. This is a fine example of that. There is no increased demand or pressure on groundwater and there no wastewater or sewer discharges in local streams and rivers. So, if you want to look at a bright side of the black field of solar panels, that is one of them. Local government has no bearing on the approval process due to New State laws enacted in 2019 and 2020. Municipalities across the state including those in the Adirondack Park and sensitive areas such as a big one in Fort Edward right now in protected grassland the ORES just granted permits for in total opposition from everybody involved except for the 8 or 10 member board, quasi-government board of ORES. I will say though the Town of Thompsom, Town of Forestburgh and Sullivan County have jointly met on this, many times. We have jointly intervener funds available for \$200,000 once the application is filed, the developer has given to the local municipalities so that we can do checks to make sure that they are compliant with ORES rules and with whatever rules may apply locally. So, the three of us decided to combine our intervener funds which is cumulatively \$200,000. That would have been split between the three of us. So, the three of us got together and we hired Harris Beach as legal advisors, which is one of the largest law firms with the most background in solar and renewable energy. They've been on both sides of the table both for the developer and for municipalities and we've hired Sterling Environmental Engineering as our engineering firm cumulatively. So once that application is filed possible by the end of this month that triggers our timeline to request those intervener funds. I spoke with the county and the Town of Thompson and once the application is filed and we get a look at it, we jointly want to have a public informational meeting not by the developer but by the municipalities, probably at the government center. **Motion** by Supervisor Hogue to open the floor to Chris Titus to say couple of words.

Greetings members of the Board, residents, and all interested parties gathered to discuss the Town Line Solar project.

I will not address the politics of this project or how it has unfolded. Instead, I ask that residents remain respectful toward the Town. The Town has limited authority in this process. My FOIL request was submitted to better understand the project and inform the public about the potential consequences of large-scale solar development if not properly planned and monitored.

Through my research and discussions with others facing similar projects across New York, I have learned that oversight largely falls under ORES, not the Town. **ORES has exclusive jurisdiction** over onshore renewable energy projects of **25 megawatts (MW) or larger** for new construction or expansion, the RAPID Act (2024) and 2019 regulations that created ORES to circumvent and fast forward the process. Even the NYSDEC directed my inquiries to ORES. The NYSDEC will see our responses but through the ORES process. Drawing on my background in the solar industry and environmental, I would like to raise several concerns and request additional information. I know this project is still in the planning phase and much of the information is available under the Matter Master Doc # 24-03035, note that the public must make comment here for it to be taken into consideration by ORES and the project proponent.

Stormwater and Hydrology

- Ensure full compliance with Article 24 (Freshwater Wetlands Act), including recent and upcoming regulatory updates 2025 & 2028.
- Provide details on stormwater pollution prevention measures and their performance during major flood events.
- Address how the project would withstand increasingly severe weather, including extreme rainfall and potential 500-year storm events given the fact that NOAA predicts 60% more rain by the end of the century in NY.
- Evaluate potential impacts on the nearby Neversink Gorge Protected Area and sensitive species such as the dwarf wedge mussel.

Ecological and Wildlife Impacts

- Assess forest fragmentation, habitat loss, and wildlife displacement.
- Provide bat, bird, and other wildlife impact studies along with mitigation plans.
- Develop invasive species prevention and management protocols, including equipment cleaning and monitoring procedures.

Forestry and Land Use

- Clarify whether logging activities along Rose Valley Road are associated with the project and provide supporting documentation.

- Explain why forested land was selected over brownfields, rights-of-way, or other previously disturbed sites, will the facility tie into Marcy South and what will be the flux to the grid.
- Mitigate for the transport of any invasive forest pests by keeping milling sites within 50 mi.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

While modern battery systems are generally safe, battery fires have occurred at facilities across the United States, including in New York. I request:

- Fire prevention, containment, and emergency response plans.
- Information on spill containment and environmental protection measures.
- Coordination plans with local emergency services and first responders.

Road Use and Infrastructure

- Traffic impact studies for construction and operation.
- Truck route plans and safety compliance documentation.
- Road maintenance and repair agreements with the Town and County.

Long-Term Operations and Decommissioning

- Decommissioning plans and financial assurances.
- Panel recycling and disposal strategies.
- Vegetation management plans and future land-use considerations after the project's operational life; i.e. a large grassland with rock outcroppings turned into conservation easement.
- Information regarding site staffing, monitoring systems, and maintenance protocols.

My goal is not to oppose renewable energy. Rather, it is to ensure that any project of this scale is thoroughly reviewed, environmentally responsible, and accountable to the community that will live with its impacts for decades to come should this project pose risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Supervisor Hogue – a couple of other things, I asked RWE in one of the meetings how close they were to the Neversink Gorge. The fence line to the state land property, the closest part, down in one corner is 835 feet from the state land according to how they map it on the computer. All the stuff that Chris spoke about is supposed to be addressed in the permit application. Our attorney and environmental engineer is going to review that and grassroots effort like what Chris is doing will hopefully force ORES to make sure that it's all good too. Like I said they operate under their own set of rules separate from the town rules. One thing about the solar, which is a benefit, is that they anticipate RWE \$22 million in pilot programs, pilot payment to the municipalities over 20 years. That's \$1.1 million a year average in payments to

the towns and the council. Split up proportionally based on being a small town, we would get a smaller portion than Thompson or the county. That's their payment in lieu of taxes program. **Councilperson Galligan** – if you go to the ORES website in the state, it got every piece of paper between the state any one of the organizations, that's all public information. Then you can see the application when it's up in there and you can follow along. **Supervisor Hogue** – open the floor for public comment: Tracy Barnes, Mr. Miller, Joe Johnson, Yakov Mandolovics, Carol Starr and Laura Gordon. All comments were heard and answered.

REPORTS – BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PLANNING BOARD – Chairman Robbins -We had our regular meetings. There was one item on the agenda. The Eagle Creek 10 stock replacement site plan approval. We adopted a resolution granting the application. Received correspondence from Grand Luxury Retreat changing their name to Hudson Valley Sanctuary.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, second by Councilperson Landis to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Collins,
Town Clerk