

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

November 24, 2015

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The meeting was held at the Ulysses Town Hall at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg.

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### **PRESENT:**

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

Board members- John Hertzler, Dave Kerness

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

### **ABSENT:**

1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Supervisor- Nancy Zahler

2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Supervisor- Michelle Wright

Board member- Rich Goldman

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Mayo, Michael Boggs

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

##### **RESOLUTION 2015-182:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for Nov. 24, 2015.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Kerness

Ms. Thomas                    aye

Ms. Zahler                    absent

Mr. Hertzler                    aye

Mr. Kerness                    aye

Mr. Goldman                    absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 11/24/15

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

*(no comments spoken nor submitted)*

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*(none)*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ULYSSES, CHAPTER 212 TO ADD SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS DEFINITIONS, ALLOWANCES IN ZONING DISTRICTS AND STANDARDS**

**RESOLUTION 2015-183:**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2015 TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ULYSSES, CHAPTER 212 TO ADD SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS DEFINITIONS, ALLOWANCES IN ZONING DISTRICTS AND STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board (“the Town Board”) adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the Town on September 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 2 of 2015 on October 27, 2015 for the Codification of Local Laws and includes the Town of Ulysses Zoning Law in Chapter 212; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Zoning, Town Code Chapter 212, are in accordance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Action item 2.4E that states, “Adopt appropriate zoning regulations to allow residential and commercial alternative energy generation;” and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2015, the Town Board accepted the local law language and set the public hearing date of November 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015 the Town Clerk sent notification of the local law and Zoning Code amendment to the following: Tompkins County, Village of Trumansburg, Town of Enfield, Town of Ithaca, Town of Lansing, Seneca County, Town of Covert, Schuyler County, Town of Hector, and NYS Parks Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed local law amending the Zoning Law was held on November 10, 2015, notice of such hearing was published in the Ithaca Journal, the official newspaper of the Town and a newspaper of general circulation on October 29, 2015, more than 10 days before the public hearing, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed local law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §239(l) and (m), on October 26, 2015, the Town submitted to the Tompkins County Planning Department a full statement of the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Law; the Tompkins County Planning Department sent a response on November 10, 2015 and determined that the proposal does not have any negative inter-community or county-wide impacts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, adoption of said local law is a Type I Action for which the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses, acting as lead agency in an environmental review with respect to adoption of this local law, has, on November 10, 2015, made a negative determination of environmental significance, after having reviewed and accepted as adequate the Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 and 3 prepared by Town Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

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RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses hereby adopts and enacts Local Law No. 3 of 2015 entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ULYSSES, CHAPTER 212 TO ADD SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS DEFINITIONS, ALLOWANCES IN ZONING DISTRICTS AND STANDARDS," and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file said local law with the New York State Secretary of State as required by law.

Moved: Mr. Hertzler                      Seconded: Mr. Kerness

*(A roll-call was called by the clerk)*

Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Zahler	absent
Mr. Hertzler	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Mr. Goldman	absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 11/24/15

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

**RESOLUTION 2015-184:**

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses authorizes Town Supervisor Thomas to sign a non-binding letter of support for Community Choice Aggregation of energy for communities.

Moved: Ms. Thomas                      Seconded: Mr. Kerness

Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Zahler	absent
Mr. Hertzler	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Mr. Goldman	absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 11/24/15

**AUTHORIZATION FOR A SIGNATOR FOR TOWN CHECKS**

**RESOLUTION 2015-185:**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR A SIGNATOR FOR TOWN CHECKS**

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses authorizes Nancy Zahler to be a signator on all checks and banking transfers for the Town in the event the Town Supervisor or Town Clerk are unable to be the signator, and

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RESOLVED, that Nancy Zahler is also approved to be the second signator for checks exceeding \$5000 as is required by Town policy.

Moved: Ms. Thomas                      Seconded: Mr. Kerness

Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Zahler	absent
Mr. Hertzler	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Mr. Goldman	absent

Vote: 3-0

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Michael Boggs wondered if Renovus projects were held up waiting for the solar law to be passed.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 11/10 PH on Solar Local Law, 11/10**

**RESOLUTION 2015-186:**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 11/10 and 11/10 PH on LL3 of 2015.

Moved: Ms. Thomas                      Seconded: Mr. Kerness

Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Zahler	absent
Mr. Hertzler	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Mr. Goldman	absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 11/24/15

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Hertzler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm; seconded by Ms. Thomas and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 12/11/15.*