

Town of Ballston
Farmland Preservation and Protection Committee
April 20, 2021
7:00pm

Attendance: Councilwoman Kelly Jasinski, (taking Charles Curtiss' place due to computer breakdown); Chair, Scott Draina; Stephen Merchant, Joan Pott, Community Ruth Osterlitz

1. Committee is unanimous that it does NOT like the NYS government over- reach that 94c represents.
2. Committee reviewed the Draft Solar Law as it stands after first revision, Kelly made the changes on her hard copy as the Committee directed, and Kelly will share them with the Board.

a. We made significant changes in the solar siting.

The Committee does NOT believe CSI are consistent with the Rural character of our Town. Our recommendation is that Commercial Solar Installations be restricted to the Industrial and Commercial zones of our Town. CSI non-farm use in the Rural District is, in our opinion, spot zoning similar to the PUDD.

3. The Committee hammered out a final draft of the definition of Agritourism, including items that by definition are prohibited.

4. The Committee further recommends that Nan Stolzenburg be tasked with writing the zoning pertaining to 94c as this is her strength and one area of her expertise.

5. At the April meeting of Saratoga County Farm Bureau, the organization expressed extreme negativity toward and dislike of CSI and NYS Law 94c governing same.

a. FPP Comm. encourages the Town Board to invite John Arnold, T/O Moreau, and Jamie Pettis, Pres., T/O Schuylerville, to a meeting to hear Farm Bureau's position on the law and to ask questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pott