

**TOWN OF TIOGA PLANNING BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting – February 5th, 2024**

The February 5, 2024 Town of Tioga Planning Board meeting was brought to order at 7:03pm. Present were Kerry Root, Alan Bill, Miranda Fisher, Camille Corneby with Chairman Doug Chrzanowski presiding.

Also present was Robert Strong, Ben & Carrie Norton, Rich Winter & Fred Gage from Delaware River Solar.

Mr. Root made the motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Planning Board minutes as presented, Ms. Corneby seconded, carried.

Various building projects within the Town were discussed.

NY-Tioga IV (Ballou Rd)

Tioga County Planning Board rejected this project recommending the Town evaluate if this is prime agriculture land and if it is not is this appropriate usage for the land.

The Town Planning Board stated that this land has not been farmed for as long as anyone can remember, stating a time frame of at least 25 years.

After taking the County’s recommendations in consideration, Ms. Corneby made the motion to allow NY-Tioga IV to move forward, Ms. Fisher seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Mr. Root – Aye

Ms. Fisher – Aye

Ms. Corneby – Aye

Mr. Bill – Abstain

Chairman Chrzanowski – Aye

Chairman Chrzanowski informed Delaware River Solar representatives that a memorandum along with the PILOT program requirements still need to be completed for NY-Tioga IV.

Chairman Chrzanowski also reminded Delaware River Solar at the meeting that the PILOT needed to be renegotiated prior to the solar farm producing power for NY-Tioga III since a second permit for the project was required.

Mr. Bill and Mr. Root excused themselves for the remainder of this meeting at 7:20pm.

Bill/Root Solar Farm

Tioga County Planning Board rejected this project recommending the Town evaluate if this is prime agriculture land and if it is not is this appropriate usage for the land.

The farm land in question has not been farmed with corn or tilled in over 30 years. The land is not maintained and has had no lime or fertilizer used in 20+ years.

After taking the County's recommendations in consideration, Ms. Corneby made the motion to allow Bill/Root Solar Farm to move to move forward, Ms. Fisher seconded.

Roll Vote:

Ms. Fisher – Aye

Ms. Corneby – Aye

Chairman Chrzanowski – Nay

Mr. Root – Absent

Mr. Bill - Absent

Vote failed for the Bill/Root Solar Farm project by The Town of Tioga Planning Board.

Tim Gourley from Tract Engineering will be notified in writing of the decision and of the appeal process if he is interested in pursuing it.

Ms. Corneby made the motion to adjourn at 7:39pm, Ms. Fisher seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf

Tioga Town Clerk