

**TOWN OF BATAVIA PLANNING BOARD
Public Hearing, August 20, 2019 7:05 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Kathy Jasinski, Paul Marchese, Paul McCullough, Lou Paganello, Jonathan Long and Steve Tanner.

ALSO ATTENDING: Bruce Gerould, Dan Lang, Steve Mountain, Marc Kenward of Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers, Steve Long and Emilie Flanagan both of Borrego Solar Systems, Brian Quinn of the Batavia Daily News, Mike Pettinella of The Batavian, John Della Penna, Sharon White and Secretary Kim McCullough.

ABSENT: Gordon Offhaus, Don Partridge and Jeremy Liles.

Public Hearing announcement was read regarding the application for a Special Use Permit by Borrego Solar Systems to construct and operate an 8.99 Mw (DC) Community Solar Project on 50.187-acre parcel located at 5230 Batavia Stafford Townline Road in the Town of Batavia.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:05 P.M.

Emilie Flanagan, Project Developer for Borrego Solar Systems - gave an overview of the solar project. Per Emilie this is a community solar project, which means this project falls under the New York Sun Initiative by Governor Cuomo to get to 100% renewables by 2030, this will feed the electricity back into the grid. **Marc Kenward, Civil Engineer for Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers** presented the project. This project is an 8.99 Mw (DC) Ground mounted community solar project located at 5230 Batavia Stafford Townline Road, located in the very north east corner of the Town of Batavia. The site is on 52.2-acres and is currently actively tilled farm land. 4 new utility poles will be installed, all other cables and wires will be under ground. The solar array will be enclosed by a 7-foot chain link fence, there will be tree plantings of approximately 250 trees – 2 rows staggered along both Batavia Stafford Townline Road and Batavia Elba Townline Road of 6-7-foot conifers. Vehicle trips will be 50 per day while under construction. A decommissioning plan and the posting of a bond with the Town to ensure its removal in the site's restoration should the system ever cease to operate.

Chairman Kathleen Jasinski opened the floor to the public after the overview and background were given Emilie Flanagan and Marc Kenward.

There were no questions, comments or concerns from the public.

There were no written comments submitted before-hand.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim McCullough
Secretary

Kathleen Jasinski
Chairman