

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm
February 17, 2022

MSC Moll called the Planning Commission to order at 7:15pm, with all commission members present, except Marvin Manke. Guests present Rob Roth and Ed Kallas with Roth Engineering Services. MSC Moll to forgo with the reading of the February 10, 2022, meeting minutes.

MSC Moll opened the Solar Ordinance discussion with any questions and/or changes from the committee. Rob Roth started with reviewing the Solar Ordinance draft as it is currently. It lists the types of installments that will require a building permit but will not require Planning Commission approval. The ordinance will cover the large installations but will not include the smaller residential solar panel roof installations. The town will also create an application with a fee, that will need to be completed prior to meeting with the Planning Commission. Roof installations will need to be reviewed to make sure the structure they are going on, is structurally sound. Larger installations will require an erosion control plan, a sound study, haul route agreements, and decommissioning agreements. Haul road agreements will come into play during installation, maintenance, and decommissioning times. They will need to document how they will “decommission” the farm.

Currently Columbia County currently does not have a Solar Ordinances in place, and the Town of Pacific is the only other town in the process of approving a Solar Ordinance. As of today, the larger installations are going onto A-1 zoned parcels.

The main reason for the Town of Arlington to have a Solar Ordinance, is to require large solar installation firms to meet with the Planning Commission and have Town Board approval before they can go forward. The Planning Commission would like to add a Public Hearing, to the approval process.

MSC Ringelstetter/Manke motion to send the ordinance to the town board for consideration after the suggested change are made.

MSC Ringelstetter/Severson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Becky Struck, Clerk