

Zoning Board
Town of Augusta
September 13, 2023

Members present: Paul Sykes(chair), Keith Williams, Skip Staelens, Anne Brown

Guest: Allen Yager, Travis Wright

Meeting called to order 7:12 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business: Travis had questions for Mr. Yager on the Solar Law. Travis was working off the first draft of law, he was provided with an updated copy.

Roof Mounted panels are under tier 1 and only need a building permit.

Reflection-now all are anti reflective coating and a not manufactured without it.

Skip asked about LLC status's- Allen will look into it and add in, selling for the tax breaks how do we know, make part of the law that annually name & contact info provided with the bond info.

Need a separate law for battery storage. Allen suggested Travis bring this up at the next board meeting. Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium. Until State does because what is needed to contain a fire at battery site.

Decommissioning clause discussed-the checklist was agreed upon for the codes officer to use for review when issuing permits.

No hazardous waste is made from solar panels. Battery storage can be an issue if a fire happens. Whether facility or home.

New business: Internet speed, less than 5% even though paying for much higher speed. Small houses, Air B & B, tiny homes....income? Taxes? Should this be looked into more.

A motion was made by Paul to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Keith, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Brown-ZBA member
Town of Augusta

CC: Town Supervisor
Town Clerk
Codes Officer
Planning Board