

**Town of Florida
Planning Board
New Leaf Energy – YMCA Road Wind Turbine Application
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:30PM**

The Public Hearing was opened by Planning Board Chairman Michael Taylor at 6:37pm.

David Strong of New Leaf Energy; formerly Borrego Solar, gave a brief presentation regarding the wind turbine proposed for just off of YMCA Road. From base to tip of blades the turbine will be approximately 650'. The tower stand itself is approximately 400' and the blades about 250'. This will be a community wind project which means the power generated will go into the local grid; not to NYC. Residents will be offered the option to buy the power generated at a 10% discount and approximately 1,500 homes will be able to be serviced. Since the Town of Florida does not have a town tax there will be a Community Host Agreement that will pay approximately \$30,000 a year to the Town with incremental increases each year for the life of the turbine. Handouts will be available on the cart by the front door with a web link for information and an email address that Dave will check and answer for people who have questions they would like answered. He also offered to speak by phone or meet in person with anyone who wanted. Dave also presented a map with an area shaded that will have a view of the turbine.

The following residents spoke against the proposed wind turbine:

Marsha Aulisi, 442 Simcer Road
Mildred Ross, 848 Queen Ann Road
Sara Cornett, 5615 State Highway 30
Tim Hennessey, 282 Mohr Road
Alex Hopkins, 435 Route 161
Vanessa Curry, 6244 State Highway 30
Ken Norris, 1370 Aquatuck Road, Ravena (owns property on Bean Hill)
Becky Moritz, 270 Belldons Road
Sherry Kline, 369 Hartley Road
Martin Stanley, 234 Hartley Road
Mark Rulison, 200 Shellstone Road
Kari Hawkins, 435 State Highway 5S
Valerie Skaarland, 340 Shellstone Road
Cindy Shultz, 6070 State Highway 30
Resident, Abraham Road
William Bonner, 410 Fuller Road
Deanna, 371 Millers Corners Road
Thompson, 134 Youngs Corners Road
Kristeen Jaracz, 221 Fuller Road
Karen Anne Baran, 435 Shellstone Road
Joe Wells, 318 Shellstone Road
Eileen Bruni, 563 McKinney Road

Concerns regarding the following items:

Failure of the turbine (how likely) and the debris field, how will it be recycled when it is no longer working, will this one lead to more, land values will drop, health concerns, sleep disturbance from noise, resident had to drop the price of his house for sale because it is near the site, health and safety of animals, noisy, no financial benefit, will ruin the Town's aesthetic.

Other comments were regarding the dissemination of information related to the applicant's responses to the public comments. Ken Norris pointed out that the turbine will be approximately the height of the Corning Tower in Albany, he also stated that he is currently attempting to have the home he owns, and currently has up for sale, added to the State Historic Registry; it was Senator Byrne's summer home. Kathy from Glen encouraged the residents to do their research. All resident's that spoke were against the installation of a wind turbine in the Town.

The Public Hearing was closed by Chairman Michael Taylor at 7:12 pm.