

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD**  
**July 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Review Board of the Town of Goshen was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at Town Hall.

Present:                    Neal Halloran, Building Inspector  
                                 Samuel Bergsohn  
                                 Marty Holmes  
                                 Carol Laskos  
                                 John Lupinski

Absent:                    Thomas Burnham, Chairman  
                                 Lou Adamis

**Owens Road Solar** – 10-1-10.22: Application for subdivision, site plan and special permit for a solar energy system on 126.3 +/- acres along Owens Road in the RU Zone with AQ-6, AQ-3, Scenic Road Corridor, Floodplain & Ponding and Stream Corridor & Water Supply Watershed overlays.

The Environmental Review Board discussed per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which are a group of chemicals used to make fluoropolymer coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water.

Many PFAS, including perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), are a concern because they:

- do not break down in the environment,
- can move through soils and contaminate drinking water sources,
- build up (bioaccumulate) in fish and wildlife.

The Environmental Review Board made the following comments and recommendations:

- Ensure the solar panels are PFA-free panels and are free of any other long-term chemicals.

**Vivian Lane Solar** – 9-1-4: Application for site plan and special permit for a solar energy system on 281.8 +/- acres on Broadlea Road in the RU Zone with AQ-3 Scenic Road Corridor, Floodplain & Ponding and Stream Corridor & Water Supply Watershed overlays.

The Environmental Review Board made the following comments and recommendations:

- Ensure the solar panels are PFA-free panels and are free of any other long-term chemicals.
- The ERB expressed their pleasure with the conservation easement being offered.
- Comply with DEC Advisory on spreader/sheet flow of water.

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- Questioned whether a glare study was completed for the visuals from Route 17 and glare impacts.
- Confirm glare study of visuals off the Heritage Trail.
- Constituent neighbors in the Town of Chester should be notified of the project as if they were Town of Goshen residents.
- Ensure use of appropriate wetland screening materials
- Restrict time of access during construction to align with the Town's noise ordinance for both weekdays and weekends for staging materials and heavy equipment.

**Milmar Food Group/Upstate Estates Corp.** – 12-1-13.1 & 13.2: Application for site plan and special permit for expansion of the existing food production facility on 6 ½ Station Road and NYS 17M in the CO District with AQ-6 Floodplain & Ponding, Stream Corridor & Reservoir overlays.

The Environmental Review Board made the following comments and recommendations:

- Screening plantings should be salt tolerant species along Route 17M.
- The existing barn should be noted for its rural character.
- Plan for snow storage on the property.
- Plan for appropriate salt/sand storage on the property as well as snow removal equipment.
- Raise the well casing so that the well head is not submerged when new projects are built out.

**Golden Stay/ Tivoli/ Goshen Hospitality**

The Environmental Review Board made the following comments and recommendations:

- All three projects have water recharge imbalances in their water budget. The three projects together exceed the watershed capacity.

This is very concerning as a whole.

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- The watershed study should be reviewed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.