

RESIDENTS UNITED TO SAVE OUR HOMETOWN

September 1, 2019

Rush Town Board

Dear Dan, Rita, Gerry, Jillian and John,

The members of the Residents United Steering Committee have learned that Town Board members may have been confused by inconsistencies among some of the comments made by citizens who spoke at the August 28 Town Board meeting. We understand that there was confusion about what Residents United wants vs. what others have asked for. We are all troubled by this report and are writing now to clarify the positions of Residents United.

Let us begin by first saying that we believe Residents United plays an important role in collecting, consolidating, focusing, and presenting the concerns of our more than 125 members to the Town Board. Please be aware though, that a growing number of Resident United members and others who have expressed their concerns to us are becoming increasingly frustrated by what they perceive as limited responsive communication from the Board. We can only report to our members and others what we understand is progress made in our deliberations with the Town Board, but when Town Board members do not readily communicate their thoughts or even worse, reverse decisions that they have already made, it is hard for us to convince anyone that progress is really being made, and this results in more frustration and the increased need of others to speak to the Board.

Regarding what Residents United wants, we believe we have been clear and consistent in our concerns and in the presentation of what we believe is necessary to adequately strengthen our solar energy law. Toward that end, we have prepared and attached a table which includes our review of the Town Board's latest proposed revision of the law, posted on the Town Website on August 28, and identifies proposed items with which we disagree. We also indicate items with which we disagree but which the Town Board, at the Aug 28th meeting, has verbally agreed to make changes with which we concur. Additionally, the table includes key issues that were not addressed in the August 28th proposed revision.

Please note that our table does not include any items from the revision posted on the Town website on August 28th 2019 with which we are in agreement and we trust that these will remain as written.

The members of our steering committee stand ready to clarify and assist the Town Board in any way and encourage you all to let us know, as a group or individually if we can help in any way. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Janet Glocker, Co-Chair

Amber Corbin, Co-Chair

Paul Corbin, Member

Mark Henry, Member

Deborah Kaman, Member

John Kaman, Member

Jeanne Morelli, Member

John Morelli, Member