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TOWN OF LONG LAKE



MEMORANDUM

April 14, 2023

To: Town of Long Lake Department Heads and Elected Officials

From: Supervisor Clay Arsenault 

Re: Environmental Assessments and Comments Concerning:

Town of Long Lake Proposed Local Law for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and

Town of Long Lake Opt-Out from Real Property Law § 487 for certain Energy Related Improvements

The Town Board is considering the enactment of two local laws.

Proposed Local Law # 1 of 2023 establishes a regulatory and permitting system for Battery Energy Storage Systems that applicants may wish to site within the Town.

Proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 would exercise a state law provision allowing municipalities to “Opt-Out” of 15 year real property exemptions for certain renewable energy and energy storages systems (this does not affect exemption for residential solar systems provided for under RPTL § 487-a.

I am attaching Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Forms for each law along with the text of both laws as proposed at the March 29th Board Meeting.

The BESS Law is based upon a model local law provided by NYSERDA. The model law and the New York State Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook are on NYSERDA’s website <https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Siting-Resources/Battery-Energy-Storage-Guidebook>

The purpose and rationale for instituting such a law are provided in the attached documents.

Your comment and input into the environmental review process is requested. The Town Board is conducting a hearing at 7 pm on Thursday April 20th at the Town Hall to receive public comment. Comment is requested by the end of the day on April 19th in writing to me.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1-Proposed Local Law # of 2023 Battery Energy System Local Law

2-Proposed Local Law # 2 of 2023 Real Property Law Section 487 Opt-Out

3-Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 along with the Narrative Statement for: Town of Long Lake Battery Energy Storage System Law - Local Law Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake in Hamilton County, NY

4-Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 along with the Narrative Statement for: Local Law to Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487 - Local Law Adoption by the Town of Board of the Town of Long Lake