



Town of Clifton Park

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Anne Dillenbeck

Mary Anne Mariotti

Samuel Gowan

FINAL

MINUTES:

Tuesday, February 3rd , 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Dan Mathias, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT:

Scott Reese, Dan Mathias, James Ruhl, Karl Siverling, Dave Alexander, Samuel Gowan

ABSENT:

Marla Zuarino, Jean Cottrell, Anne Dillenbeck, Mary Anne Mariotti

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next meeting: The next ECC meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 17th , 2026**, at 7 PM
- Scott Reese, Stormwater Management Officer, was present to explain the project applications.

Planning Board

Public Hearings – none

Old Business –

#2025-028 MacElroy Rd Solar SUP & Site Plan (Stryker)

SBL: 264.-3-5.1

Proposed 5 MW Cooley solar project

Mac Elroy Rd, Zoned: CR - Conservation Residential, Status: Revised Concept

Applicant: DG Cooley, LLC Consultant: DG Cooley, LLC – B. Chan

ECC Comments:

- 1. The ECC notes that the applicant has increased the setback further away from Mac Elroy Road. However, we continue to request a screen of a combination of a berm and substantial vegetation in order to maintain the character of this area. This site location is in an area where the town has a significant open space and recreational facility investment (e.g. Veterans Park, Pickleball facilities, etc.). In addition, the project site abuts residential areas. For these reasons Mac Elroy Road is highly traveled highway. In order to maintain the aesthetics of the area consistent with the present uses. The ECC requests that the proposed range of plantings heights as delineated on the previous Planting Plan should be at the maximum range as a minimum height. The applicant shall supply an updated planting plan for the next submittal.**
- 2. The limits of (the LC Zone and 100 foot buffer zone, DEC Wetlands, Federal Jurisdictional Wetlands) shall be identified on the plot plan. In addition, NYSDEC has identified it’s jurisdictional wetlands (W02005C, W02005C-2, W02005D). It does not appear the current buffer complies with current regulations. The ECC requests a new site plan demonstrating compliance with NYSDEC jurisdiction wetlands regulations.**
- 3. The ECC notes that the topography of the site slopes downward in an easterly direction. The proposed orientation of the solar panels is perpendicular to the site topography. This orientation allows more of a channel flow than the preferred continuous sheet flow of stormwater runoff. This configuration is in conflict with the NYSDEC practices to exempt the stormwater runoff quantity controls. The ECC requests the applicant to provide mitigation measures to address this issue.**
- 4. Per 208-79 E. (3)(b)[1], The ECC recommends that the Planning Board shall determine an appropriate combination of natural vegetative buffer, landscaping or other such screening so as to minimize significant adverse visual and or auditory impacts to the residences along Mac Elroy Road and NY Rt 146A.**
- 5. The Planning Board shall require demonstration that all these conditions have been met prior to issuing the Special Use Permit.**
- 6. The ECC requests a copy of the decommissioning plan and cost estimates for decommissioning.**
- 7. The ECC requests that the Planning Board require that the applicant to commit to never installing a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at this location as a condition of this approval for Special Use Permit.**

James Ruhl made a motion to adopt this statement, seconded by Karl Siverling, all in favor, none opposed.

New Business – none

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Mathias

cc: Clifton Park Town Clerk, Planning Director