



Town of Bethel

Sullivan County, New York

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TO ADOPT THE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT AND EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCESS

WHEREAS, as part of New York State's Cleaner, Greener Communities Program, NYSEDA is encouraging municipalities to adopt a streamlined permitting process for photovoltaic (PV) systems of 12 kW or less by offering incentive payments of \$2,500 for a municipality of the Town of Bethel's population; and

WHEREAS, adoption of New York State's Unified Solar Permit and expedited solar permitting process offers numerous benefits including simplifying, and making consistent, permitting requirements in municipalities across the State, increasing the quality and accuracy of installer applications, and ensuring that fair, flat fees are set for small-scale PV installations; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the New York State Unified Solar Permit and permitting process demonstrates that the Town is open for solar business and serves to facilitate PV installations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town hereby adopts the Expedited Solar Permit Process for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems outlined in the "Requirements for Application Submittal-Step 1" and including the Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems Eligibility Checklist-Step 2, both as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town hereby adopts the Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems Application-Step 3, in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference, as the Permit to be utilized for all installations of grid-tied photovoltaic systems of 12 kW or less and otherwise complying with the requirements for expedited permitting; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel authorizes the Town Supervisor or his designee acting on behalf of the Town, to sign all necessary documents and to perform all acts required to participate in the referenced expedited permitting program and to obtain the incentive; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action contemplated under this Resolution involving the implementation of a permitting program is a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations ("SEQRA") for which no environmental review is required (6 NYCRR §617.5 [c][20]); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schedule of Fees set forth in Chapter A351 (Fees) of the Town Code is hereby be amended to provide that the application fee for a Unified Solar Permit shall be the amount of \$50.00. The amount of the application fee shall be set forth on the form of permit adopted by this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, seconded by Town Board member Bernie Cohen, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

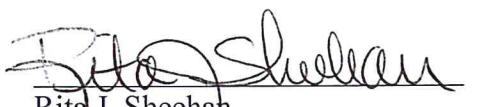
		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	Voting	X	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	X	
Dawn Ryder	Voting		Absent
Vicky Simpson	Voting	X	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	X	

Duly adopted by 4 ayes, 0 nays the 20th day of November, 2014.

State of New York
County of Sullivan County
Office of the Clerk of the
Town of Bethel

This is to certify that I, Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk of the Town of Bethel in the said County of Sullivan, have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution to adopt the Unified Solar Permit and Expedited Permitting Process adopted by the town of Bethel Town Board on November 20, 2014 with the original now on file in this office, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original and the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 21st day of November, 2014.


Rita J. Sheehan
Town Clerk of the Town of Bethel
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