

November 24, 2025

Via Email

Hon. Ed Lachterman, Supervisor
and the Members of the Yorktown Town Board
Town of Yorktown
363 Underhill Avenue
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Re: Proposed Local Law for Amendment to Chapter 300-81.4
Regarding Solar Power Generation Systems and Facilities

Dear Supervisor Lachterman and Members of the Town Board:

We write on behalf of Freestone Renewables (“Freestone”) in connection with the proposed amendments to Section 300-81.4 of the Town Zoning Code (“Solar Power Generation Systems and Facilities”), currently under consideration by your Board and subject to a public hearing on November 25th.

Freestone remains committed to completing its community solar project at Jacob Road. This Project will serve many of the Yorktown residents currently on the community solar program subscriber wait list, who would benefit from significant savings on their monthly electricity bills if more renewable energy projects were brought to the local grid. Sustainable Westchester (an entity that maintains the subscriber rolls) reports that the Yorktown wait list continues to grow, reaching 133 people as of May 2025. Freestone hopes that by offering exclusive enrollment to Yorktown residents through a 90-day early enrollment program, many of these local homeowners and businesses will be able to take advantage of the community solar program.

Accordingly, Freestone appreciates the “grandfathering” clause in the latest draft of the Solar Law, which would permit it to obtain the permits necessary to bring its community solar project online. While we must note that the proposed 150’ setback requires a reduction in the number of solar panels, and thus, a 30% reduction in energy production efficiency, Freestone is eager to move forward with the review process before the Planning Board. We hope that once the Freestone project is operational it can serve as a model to demonstrate that community solar can be developed in residential districts when an applicant works with the Planning Board to study viewsheds and create a robust buffer/landscaping plan to ensure there is proper screening.

We thank the Board for its attention to Freestone's comments. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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