

counsel a few times and it's been a diligent process. We have a Special Town Meeting next week where this can be voted up or down. If you can't attend meetings, reach out by email, submit paper work to the Town office, be a participatory advocate moving forward.

**Hal Ferguson:** We can only extend a Moratorium for 1 year, and that's been done. It's about to expire. We have a PB which allows for 7 members and we only have 6. We no longer have an (OPRC) Ordinance Policy Review Committee because volunteers went down to 1 person. There are a lot of people talking tonight, which we appreciate but we could use some people on the committees or boards.

**Mike Thorne:** Is this going to town meeting as is, or are there going to be expected changes based on this meeting? **HF:** It's up to the PB, if you feel there are comments that are sufficient, you decide if you need to. This can start being modified the day after it's voted up or down. If you need to change it in 2 months, you can.

**David Hyer:** If we go with this to the Special Town Meeting and it's voted down, the Moratorium can't extend past February and we could have applications coming to the board with no Ordinance in place. The question in my mind, are we better off going forward and approving this, having something in place. If something comes before the town. I suggest we go forward. Without the ordinance there could be 100 interested parties.

**Mike Thorne:** I would like to see the 100 acres eliminated. We now have a time frame issue, because the Special Town Meeting is a week from tonight, which leaves no time for consideration or edits, but I am suggesting you take the comments under consideration and amend the Ordinance before it goes to the Special Town Meeting.

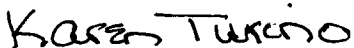
**George Gallant:** I have a problem with the definition of acreage, is that the lot size or the fenced in area. It's unclear what this ordinance of an acre refers to. I think you need to specify to a contractor what you are talking about for the restraint? **PB:** What we did, was the project or the area that the solar panels are going in. It's the developed part of the property. Where the solar panels are and what it takes for roads to maintain the project. We felt that was the developed area.

## **7. Upcoming Dates:**

- A.** Special Town Meeting on January 26th @ 7pm to approve or not approve this Town of Otisfield Solar Energy Generation Systems Ordinance.

- 8. Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tanya Snow, Secretary



Approved by: Karen Turino, Chair  
Otisfield Planning Board  
Approved on:

February 14, 2023