

Denning Town Board Meeting Agenda

March 4, 2014



Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of Last Month's Minutes.

Correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ⇒ Highway & Recycling – Supt. of Highways Daniel Van Sadlers.
- ⇒ Code Enforcement Officer.
- ⇒ Planning Board.

Order of Business:

- Material Bid Authorization
- Proposed Mike Pries Insurance Policy Review
- Resolution No. 30 of 2014 OPPOSING the NCZ
- Resolution No. 31 of 2014 Fiscal Transfer

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meetings: Regular Monthly Audit Meeting at the Denning Town Hall
7:00 PM Tuesday, March 11th, 2014
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Sundown Church Hall
7:00 PM Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

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Resolution No. 30 of 2014
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OPPOSING THE NEW CAPACITY ZONE

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in an order issued on August 13, 2013, accepted the tariff revisions proposed by the New York Independent System Operator to create a New Capacity Zone (NCZ) that groups the mid-Hudson Valley (electricity load zone G) in the same capacity zone as Westchester and New York City (Zones H, I, and J); and

WHEREAS, this order is scheduled to go into effect on May 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the NCZ is to address existing transmission constraints by altering the price signals in wholesale energy markets to attract investors in new plants whose Installed Capacity (ICAP) will be sufficient to meet electricity needs in times of peak demand; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission (PSC) opposes the creation of the NCZ, stating that the order ignores PSC proceedings underway to address transmission constraints by upgrading transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, these transmission upgrades were recommended by the Governor's New York State Energy Highway Blueprint, which seeks to increase the capacity of transmission lines to carry 1,000 MW of additional lower-cost power from the north and west to meet downstate needs, eliminating bottlenecks in transmission; and

WHEREAS, the PSC is currently reviewing four proposals to accomplish the task of upgrading transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, the PSC further stated on September 12, 2013, that the NCZ will result in unjust and unreasonable electricity rates, possibly increasing rates by as much as 25%, costing rate-payers in the new zone over half a billion dollars in a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson-Fortis, a utility serving rate-payers in Zone G, also opposes the creation of the NCZ, estimating that it will increase prices by at least 6% for residential and 11% for industrial rate-payers; and

WHEREAS, the NCZ will hurt many small to medium-sized industries, including the dairy industry for whom electrical power makes up a large percentage of its costs; and

WHEREAS, the NCZ will cause disproportionate harm to low- and fixed income rate-payers, particularly in light of the Public Service Commission's report that the percentage of customers in the Central Hudson service area whose electricity has been shut off for not paying their bills has risen from 1.89% to 5.99% in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the NCZ will unfairly burden rate-payers in upstate counties, whose "peak" energy needs are much lower than those in Westchester and New York City; and

WHEREAS, the express purpose of the NCZ is to create new “peaking” capacity, which favors increased use of fossil fuel-based generation; and

WHEREAS, increasing fossil fuel generation contradicts and in no way addresses New York State’s Renewable Portfolio Standard goal of at least 30% renewable electricity by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the FERC has failed to adequately consider these proposed transmission upgrades, which make the NCZ unnecessary;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Town of Denning calls upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to postpone indefinitely its order issued August 13, 2013, which conflicts with State efforts currently underway to address the same problem of transmission constraints; and further calls on N.Y. Governor Cuomo, U.S. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and U.S. Representative Gibson to intervene on our behalf to halt the creation of the NCZ; and that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Cuomo, the FERC, the PSC, Central Hudson-Fortis, Federal and State Elected Representatives, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Public Utility Law Project of NY (PULP), and the Business Council of the State of New York.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	ABSENT
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman Greg Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote, with 1 absentee.

Resolution No. 31 of 2014
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WHEREAS New York State Highway Law § 141 authorizes transfer between Highway Accounts, and

WHEREAS the CWC sent \$1,747.89 to the Town for Storm Water Maintenance in 2010. and

WHEREAS the Town is required by the CWC to have funds in the amount of \$1,747.89 in a Storm Water Maintenance Highway Savings Account, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Denning Town Board HEREBY authorizes the Town Supervisor to open a Storm Water Maintenance Highway Savings Account and to transfer the funds from DA 5130.4 Machinery Contractual into Said Savings Account.

'Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	ABSENT
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman Greg Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote with 1 absentee.