

ALLEGANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

NSF ANGELICA SITES 2 & 3 – TOWN OF BELFAST - PUBLIC HEARING

**Belfast Town Hall
13 Merton Avenue, Belfast, NY
December 23, 2019 – 10:00 AM**

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Attending: Craig Clark, IDA Executive Director
Cathleen Whitfield, IDA CFO
David Jennings, Town of Belfast
Jared Perram, Norbut Solar Farms
Dan Huntington, Norbut Solar Farms
Patty Oliver, Town Clerk – Town of Belfast

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Director Clark thanked everyone for attending and gave a brief history of the Norbut Solar Farms Angelica Sites 2 & 3 noting the Public Hearing is for two community solar projects in the Town of Belfast.

The NSF Angelica Site 2, LLC project that the ACIDA is considering undertaking consists of the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 25.089 acre parcel of land (tax map number 132.-1-21), located at 6917 River Road in the Town of Belfast, Allegany County, New York (the “Land”).

The NSF Angelica Site 3, LLC project that the ACIDA is considering undertaking consists of the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 33.08 acre parcel of land (tax map number 132.-1-21), located at 6917 River Road in the Town of Belfast, Allegany County, New York.

Each site consists of the construction of an approximately 5 MW AC solar energy generating facility with a 15 mWh of battery storage energy storage facility, including panels, racking, inverters, electrical cables, battery storage, grid interconnection, site preparation, access roads and any other required improvements for solar energy generating facility and energy storage.

This community solar project will allow residents to save 10% on their electrical energy bills. Each project has a total investment of \$14.48 million and will spend approximately \$2 million locally resulting in 4 part-time permanent jobs.

The IDA is proposing an incentive package for each project site of approximately \$400,000 in sales tax exemptions for construction materials, with NSF Angelica Site 2 LLC and NSF Angelica Site 3 LLC paying just over \$300,000 in a PILOT Agreement over the proposed 15 years of the PILOT.

Executive Director Clark noted the Public Hearing is not for Site Review but rather the PILOT Agreement. Executive Director Clark opened the meeting for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Jennings, Town of Belfast, questioned, "Of the 3,500 residents in the town, who will be served and how is it determined who receives it?"

Norbut Solar representatives explained it can't be forced on residents. It is an individual choice. The average power consumption is per square footage of the house. It will be available to 3500 homes but not all will sign up. It is based on a "first come, first serve" basis for a 10% discount on your monthly electric bill. Residents may opt in or out at any time. Norbut Solar produces the power which goes to the grid and they receive credits back. The customer buys credit at \$100 but only pays \$90. RG&E will be sending letters to buy the power from the developer. Norbut Solar will market with possibly another public hearing to educate customers. The project is for storage and solar panels.

With no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:10 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

CATHLEEN WHITFIELD

Recording Secretary