Town Board Special Meeting Agenda May 22, 2025 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PUBLIC HEARING - Solar Law

PUBLIC HEARING - Real Property Tax Law §487 Opt Out Local Law

Resolutions

- 1. Adoption of the Highway Law §284 Agreement
- 2. Adoption of Real Property Tax Law §487 Opt Out Local Law
- 3. Board of Assessment Review Appointment
- 4. Board of Assessment Review Restructuring

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Solar Law
 - a. Chemung County Planning Board Action Review
 - b. SEQR Performance
 - i. Negative Declaration Resolution
 - c. Resolution to Adopt the Local Law

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None.

Adjourn

¹The Town Board may act to accept these reports by simple resolution.

Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Veteran Chamung County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows: GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$435,17% shall be set aside to be expended for primary work 1. and general repairs upon 44.92 miles of town highways, including sluices, cuiverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the 2. permanent improvement of Town highways: On the road commencing at Hillvill and leading to Pine Crest distance of 1795 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$ 15, 357, 22 Type Width of traveled surface Thickness Subbase microas On the road commencing at Loredon miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$ 4,063.89 Type Width of traveled surface Thickness Subbase Executed in duplicate this _____ day of ___ Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman Councilman Councilman County Superintendent of Highways Town Superintendent of Highways

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Councilman

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County Superintendent of Highways

Resolution of 2025 Relative to Highway Law Section 284 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Funds 2025

WHEREAS in accordance with Highway Law, Section 284, the Town Supervisor, Town Board, and Highway Superintendent are required to enter into an agreement regarding monies levied and collected in the Town for repair and improvement of highways; and

WHEREAS for environmental review, resurfacing of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA 6NYCRR, Part 617.5(c)(5) and as such no further action is necessary regarding the same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Highway Law, Section 284, the Town Supervisor, Town Board, and Highway Superintendent authorize the 2025 284 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Funds.

TOWN OF VETERAN RESOLUTION NO. __ OF THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 487 TO OPT OUT OF THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR CERTAIN ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF VETERAN

The Town Board of the Town of Veteran, New York (the "Town Board"), duly convened in regular session on, 2025 at the Town of Veteran Clerk's Office at 4049 Watkins Road, Millport, New York 14864 does hereby resolve as follows:
WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Board on, 2025. Councilman introduced for consideration Local Law No of 2025 entitled. "A Local Law Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 487 to Opt Out of the Exemption from Taxation for Certain Energy Systems within the Town of Veteran" (the "Proposed Local Law"); and
WHEREAS, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to opt out of and remove certain real property tax exemptions for solar or wind energy systems, farm waste energy systems, micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems, electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage systems, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating systems (collectively, "Energy Systems"), pursuant to Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 487(8); and
WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the provisions of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (hereinafter, "SEQRA") and the regulations adopted thereunder at 6 NYCRR Part 617 with respect to adopting the Proposed Local Law; and
WHEREAS, by resolution dated
WHEREAS, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing on
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it be designated Local Law No of 2025; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Proposed Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to file the

Proposed Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section

27, with copies to be filed with the Commiss Taxation and Finance and with the President Development Authority pursuant to RPTL § 4876	of the New Yor			_
The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was, and duly put to vote, wh		llows	:	_, seconded by
David Lewis	Aye	/	Nay	
William Winkky	Aye	/	Nay	
Francis Henke	•		Nay	
Mario DeMichele	Aye		•	
Winston Wolf	Aye	/	Nay	
This Resolution was thereupon declared duly ado	pted.			
Dated:, 2025	Jenny Reese,	Town	Clerk	

TOWN OF VETERAN LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF THE YEAR 2025

A LOCAL LAW ADOPTED PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 487 TO OPT OUT OF THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR CERTAIN ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF VETERAN

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Veteran (the "Town Board") as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 487 provides that a solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating system (collectively, "Energy Systems") shall be exempt from real property taxation to the extent of any increase in the value thereof by reason of the inclusion of such Energy Systems (the "Tax Exemption"). This local law is enacted to opt out of and remove said tax exemption, as provided for by RPTL § 487(8).

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to RPTL § 487(8), which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law to opt out of and remove said Tax Exemption for Energy Systems.

Section 3. Removal of Tax Exemption

- 1. No Tax Exemption under RPTL § 487 shall be applicable to the Town of Veteran taxes with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system which began construction subsequent to the effective date of this local law.
- 2. No Tax Exemption under RPTL § 487 shall be applicable to the Town of Veteran taxes with respect to any micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating system constructed subsequent to the effective date of this local law.
- 3. Pursuant to RPTL § 487(8)(b), "construction of a solar or wind energy system or a farm waste energy system shall be deemed to have begun upon the full execution of a contract or interconnection agreement with a utility; provided however, that if such contract or interconnection agreement requires a deposit to be made, then construction shall be deemed to have begun when the contract or interconnection agreement is fully executed and the deposit is made. The owner or developer of an energy system is responsible for substantiating when such energy system began construction or was constructed."

Section 4. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

The Town Board has considered the provisions of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (hereinafter, "SEQRA") and the regulations adopted thereunder at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and finds this Local Law to be a Type II Action as defined therein. Therefore, no further review is required under SEQRA.

Section 5. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Section 7. Additional Filing

A copy of this local law shall also be filed with the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and with the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority pursuant to RPTL § 487(8)(a).

Resolution of 2025 Relative to Appointment to the Board of Assessment Review

WHEREAS, there are two vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review; and

WHEREAS, ______ and _____ have expressed an interest in serving on the Board of Assessment Review

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Veteran hereby appoints ______ and _____, residing at ______ and _____ and _____, respectively to the Board of Assessment Review to fill a term as of the date of this resolution and respectively expiring on ______ and ______; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be authorized to notify

the appointees, assessor, and Board Chair of this appointment.

Resolution of 2025 Relative to Establishing a Three Member Board of Assessment Review

WHEREAS the Town of Veteran has struggled to fully fill the vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review; and

WHEREAS the Board of Assessment Reviewis allowed to have as few as three members; and

WHEREAS the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Veteran currently has five members with two vacancies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Veteran hereby establishes the Board of Assessment Review as a three member board.

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

	Agency Use Only [If applicable]
Project:	
Date:	

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency and the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context	or the project.		
1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.	□no	· 🗆	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d		
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f		
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a		
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a		
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e		
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q		
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	Bli		
h. Other impacts:			

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2. Impact on Geological Features The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhib	oit		
access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g)) [YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.			·
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached:	E2g		
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature:	E3c		
c. Other impacts:			
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3. Impacts on Surface Water The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h) If "Yes", answer questions a - 1. If "No", move on to Section 4.	□nc) <u> </u>	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h		
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b		
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a		
 d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body. 	E2h		
 The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments. 	D2a, D2h		
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c		
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	. 🗖	
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e		
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h		
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h		
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d		

1. Other impacts:			
4. Impact on groundwater The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquif (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t) If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.	□N0 er.) [YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c		
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source:	D2c		
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c		
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2I		
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h		
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E21		
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c		
h. Other impacts:			
5. Impact on Flooding The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.	□NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i		
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j		
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k		
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e		
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k		
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	Ele		

g. Other impacts:			
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6. Impacts on Air The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.	□N€) [YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
 a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO₂) ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N₂O) iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane 	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g		
VI. 43 tons/year or more of methane	DZn		
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardou air pollutants.	D2g		
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g		
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g		
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s		
f. Other impacts:			
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7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.	mq.)	□NO	□YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o		
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o		
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p		
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p		

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	ЕЗс		
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source:	E2n		
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m		
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source:	Elb		
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q		
j. Other impacts:			
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8. Impact on Agricultural Resources The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. a If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.	and b.)	□NO	☐ YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	Part I	small impact	to large impact may
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
NYS Land Classification System. b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
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 b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc). c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land. d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 	Part I Question(s) E2c, E3b E1a, Elb E3b	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
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9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.	_	10 []YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h		
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b		
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h		
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed	E3h		
action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work	E2q,		
ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	Elc		
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h		
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile ½-3 mile 3-5 mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g		
5+ mile			
g. Other impacts:			
10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.	□no) [YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	E3e		
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f		
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory.	E3g		

d. Other impacts:			
If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may e. occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:		-	
The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3e, E3g, E3f		
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b		
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3		
11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.	N	0 []YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p		
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q		
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q		
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c		
e. Other impacts:			
12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.	No	o [YES
19 100 , answer questions a c. 19 110 , go to section 13.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d		
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d		
c. Other impacts:			

13. Impact on Transportation			
The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. [NO YES (See Part 1. D.2.j)			
If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j		
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j		
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j		
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j		
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j		
f. Other impacts:			
14. Impact on Energy The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. (See Part 1. D.2.k) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k		
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k		
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k		
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square	Dlg		
feet of building area when completed.	~ 15		
e. Other Impacts:			
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e. Other Impacts: 15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor light (See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)			YES
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d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n		<u> </u>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a		
f. Other impacts:			
16. Impact on Human Health The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. at If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.	nd h.)	0 🔲	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No,or small impact may eccur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d		
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h		
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	Elg, Elh		
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	Elg, Elh		
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	Elg, Elh		
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t		
 g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility. 	D2q, E1f		
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f		
 The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste. 	D2r, D2s		
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	Elf, Elg Elh		
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	Elf, Elg		
1. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r		
m. Other impacts:			
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17. Consistency with Community Plans			
The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)	□NO		YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b		
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2		
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3		
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2		
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, Elb		
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j		
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a		
h. Other:			
18. Consistency with Community Character The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.	□NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g		
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4		
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a		
 d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources. 	C2, E3		
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3		
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h		
g. Other impacts:			

	Agency Ose Only	[HAPPHEADIC]
Project:		
Date:		

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact
 occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to
 occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

	Determination	on of Significance - [Type 1 and 1	Unlisted Actions	
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		Unlisted	Type 1 and 1	Unlisted Actions Part 3	

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information	
and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion	n of the l agency that:
A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an enstatement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.	vironmental impact
B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:	ll be avoided or
There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6.)	
C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an enstatement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternative impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.	
Name of Action:	
Name of Lead Agency:	
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:	
Title of Responsible Officer:	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:	Date:
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)	Date:
For Further Information:	
Contact Person:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
E-mail:	
For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:	
Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., To Other involved agencies (if any) Applicant (if any)	wn / City / Village of)
Environmental Notice Bulletin: http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html	

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF VETERAN

Determining A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF VETERAN, NEW YORK Will Not Have a Significant Effect on the Environment

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Veteran (the "Town Board") is considering a local law that would establish clear regulations for the installation and use of solar energy systems (the "Local Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), as set forth in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and the requirements of the implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), with respect to the Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law shall regulate the construction of solar energy systems by creating a permitting process more rigorous than the status quo; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that there are no other involved agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has prepared Part 1 of a full environmental assessment form ("FEAF") in connection with the Local Law to aid the Town Board in determining whether the Local Law may have a significant effect upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the Town Board has considered the Local Law in light of the actions included on the Type I list specified in Section 617.4 of the Regulations and in light of the actions included on the Type II list specified in Section 617.5 of the Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby classifies the Local Law as a "Type I action" under SEQRA (the "Action"), and states that there are no other involved agencies for this action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby concludes that the following impacts are expected to result from the Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c) of the Regulations:

- a. There will <u>not</u> be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
- b. There will <u>not</u> be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed or destroyed as the result of the Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of

any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas; there are no substantial adverse impacts on any known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; nor are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.

- c. There are <u>no</u> known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action.
- d. The Action will <u>not</u> result in the creation of a material conflict with the Town's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
- e. The Action will <u>not</u> result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character.
- f. There will <u>not</u> be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy resulting from the Action.
- g. There will not be any hazard created to human health.
- h. There will <u>not</u> be an irreversible change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss of ten acres of such productive farmland.
- i. The Action will <u>not</u> encourage or attract large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the Action.
- j. There will <u>not</u> be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences.
- k. There will <u>not</u> be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact.
- 1. There are <u>not</u> two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the information and analysis above, the Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information available concerning the Action was sufficient for the Town Board to make its determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **the Town** hereby approves and adopts the attached Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Action (Parts 1, 2, and 3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed Action is hereby issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the Action shall not be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Town Board's determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Determination of Non-Significance has been prepared in accordance with SEQRA and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file, publish and distribute a notice of this Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a)(1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

David Lewis	Voting	Aye/Nay	
William Winkky	Voting	Aye/Nay	
Francis Henke	Voting	Aye/Nay	
Mario DeMichele	Voting	Aye/Nay	•
Winston Wolf	Voting	Aye/Nay	

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2025, ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF VETERAN, NEW YORK"

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Veteran for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on May 22, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF VETERAN, NEW YORK"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town, and posted on the Town Clerk's signboard as required by law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly opened on May 22, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed or any part there of the Local Law before the public hearing was closed on May 22, 2025,; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Veteran hereby adopts Local Law No. _____ of 2025, entitled " A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF VETERAN, NEW YORK " a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Veteran, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.