

TOWN OF CONCORD
Public Hearing
Local Law #5, Update of Local Law #3, Solar Moratorium

July 29, 2026
8:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR

ROLL CALL: PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR
CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCIL MEMBER
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCIL MEMBER
KIMBERLY S. KRZEMIEN, COUNCIL MEMBER
KENNETH KASSEL, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA SAFFORD, Town Clerk
LARRY HEIM, Hwy Supt.
ERIC WIEDEMANN, CEO
TOM ROBERTS, CEO

Sarah Rodriguez

Supervisor Drozd opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 a.m. regarding Proposed Local Law #5, an update to Local Law #3 of 2026, titled "A Local Law extending the temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for all Solar Energy System Facilities in the Town of Concord pursuant to Chapter 150 of the Town of Concord Code in order to allow for the consideration and possible adoption of appropriate amendments to existing regulations pertaining to such land uses,

TOWN OF CONCORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Concord will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday July 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street, Springville, New York, for the purpose of updating Proposed Local Law No. 3 Solar Energy System Moratorium of the Year 2026. Special meeting to follow. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard

There will be a Special Meeting held immediately after the Public Hearing.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Springville Journal on July 16, 2026 and was also posted on the Town's signboard at 86 Franklin Street, Springville, New York, and the Town's website www.townofconcordny.gov on July 16, 2026.

Supervisor Drozd began the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #5 of 2026:

TOWN OF CONCORD
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2026

A Local Law amending Local Law No. 3 of 2026, which is extending the temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for all Solar Energy System Facilities in the Town of Concord pursuant to Chapter 150 of the Town of Concord Code in order to allow for the consideration and possible adoption of appropriate amendments to existing regulations pertaining to such land uses,

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Concord as follows:

SECTION I.
SHORT TITLE

This Local Law amends a prior Local Law known as “A Local Law extending the temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and the granting of permits, licenses or approvals for all Solar Energy System Facilities in the Town of Concord” adopted by the Town of Concord on June 11, 2026.

SECTION II.
LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Concord adopted Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2021 amending the Town of Concord Zoning Ordinance providing for the regulation of Solar Energy System facilities within the Town of Concord. It is acknowledged that Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2026 previously established a six month moratorium on the issuance of applications, permits or approvals for all Solar Energy System Facilities in the Town of Concord in order for existing local laws and regulations to be updated, and

WHEREAS, the updates and revisions to the existing laws and regulations are currently under review and discussion, but additional time is required to complete the process of updating the same to address such concerns and issues and enact new laws, ordinances or regulations, and/or appropriate amendments to existing laws, ordinances or regulations to properly address new and emerging technologies, community impacts, concerns or issues in a manner which is meaningful and consistent with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

IT IS THEREFORE FOUND BY THE TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD that the Town Board of the Town of Concord hereby declares that no new applications shall be issued and no permits or approvals shall be granted by any officer, department, board or agency of the Town of Concord with respect to Solar Energy System facilities in the Town of Concord pursuant to the Chapter 150 of the Town of Concord Code for an additional period of six months from the effective date of Local Law 3 No. of 2026, unless earlier terminated by other local law, duly adopted. Tier 1 (roof mounted) and tier 2 (ground mounted) systems for residential purposes are allowed while this moratorium is in effect.

SECTION III.
AUTHORITY

This Local Law is enacted pursuant by the Town Board of the Town of Concord pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under Article IX of the New York State Constitution and the Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

SECTION IV.
MORATORIUM AND DURATION

The Town Board of the Town of Concord hereby declares that no new applications shall be issued and no permits or approvals shall be granted by any officer, department, board or agency of the Town of Concord with respect to Solar Energy System facilities in the Town of Concord pursuant to the Chapter 150 of the Town of Concord Code for an additional period of six months from the effective date of Local Law No.3 of 2026, unless earlier terminated by other local law, duly adopted. Tier 1 (roof mounted) and tier 2 (ground mounted) systems for residential purposes are allowed while this moratorium is in effect.

SECTION V.
SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, or part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law which shall be given effect.

SECTION VI.
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall become effective immediately, as provided by law, upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

Supervisor Drozd asked the public if they had comments, and Sarah Rodriguez spoke to the Board about her thoughts on Solar energy.

The Public Hearing remained opened until 8:12 a.m. Motion by Council Member Zittel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to close the Public Hearing. All voting aye. Carried.

Laura Safford
Town Clerk