

Town of York  
Conservation Advisory Council  
10/19/16 Meeting Minutes

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1. Review of proposed local law for solar panels.
  - *Why? To protect farmland.*
  - *How much land is needed? At least 20 acres. 30 acres would produce a megawatt.*
  - *Substation required? More research needed.*
  - *Put on wasteland? Possibly.*
  - *Rent from solar panels? \$1500/acre.*
  - *Landowner rights? Includes being a good neighbor.*
  - *Personal use of solar panels? Shouldn't be discouraged.*
  - *Location of panels? Use land quality designation.*
  - *Definition of large scale? More research needed.*
  - ***A consensus was reached that work on the proposed local law for solar panels should proceed. Costs involved with this should be clearly identified.***
  
2. Discussion of cheese factory (odor) accident.
  - *Although the odor has subsided it lasted much of the summer.*
  - *The situation will continue to be monitored.*
  
3. Discussion of clear cutting of Fraser woods.
  - *A 20 to 30 acre clear-cut may require SEQR review.*
  - *Sodbuster laws may initiate a review for clear cutting.*
  - *An investor group, CERES from Indiana, owns the land.*
  - *Noblehurst clear-cut mistakes were discovered after the fact (DEC).*
  - *Bob Striker of Livingston County Soil and Water may be of assistance in this case.*
  
4. Other
  - *It was suggested that the CAC ask the Town Board for official recognition.*

Respectively Submitted,  
Dave Nagel