Town of Pompey Environmental Conservation Commission 2023 Annual Report 12/4/2023

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In accordance with Chapter 21-6 of the Town of Pompey code, the Commission (ECC) shall submit an annual report to the Town Board. This summary document fulfills that requirement for 2023.

Applications: The ECC reviewed applications as requested by the Town Board and Planning Board

- Reviewed and provided comments on the Pivot Solar Overlay District Application for a Tier 3 solar project on Sweet Rd.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Seaboard Solar Holdings application for a Tier 3 solar project on Frank Long Rd.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Perry application for subdivision.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the El-Hindi application for subdivision.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the American Tower application for adding a generator system to existing property on Sevier Rd.

Town Requests: The ECC supports various requests from the Town Board

- The ECC is developing a set of criteria that would be used to identify potential sites in the Town suitable for Tier 3 solar projects. GIS will be used to filter potential sites based on the criteria developed.
- The ECC is reviewing the Town Master Plan to identify areas that should be strengthened or modified based on current conditions, as well as sections that should be added based on changing conditions.
- The ECC is reviewing the need to develop and/or update a Natural Resources inventory for the Town.
- The ECC provided a committee member for the proposed Short Term Rentals law.
- The ECC provided comments on energy efficiency opportunities to support a State/NYSERDA grant

- The ECC is continuing to lead the research into cell tower ownership and environmental considerations for the cell towers on Sevier Rd.
- The ECC reviews and provides comments on miscellaneous requests, such as the Green Purchasing Community initiative, NYS Urban Forestry grant, and other State grant opportunities.

<u>Community Engagement:</u> The ECC develops activities to engage Community members in environmental initiatives

- The ECC partnered with other Town departments to hold Earth Day events, including a tree giveaway.
- The ECC developed several seasonal "contests" to encourage environmental awareness in the community.