

Town of Pompey
Planning Board
RE: Seaboard Solar Operations

At the Pompey Planning Board meeting held January 16, 2023, the Planning Board voted 6-0 (1 member was absent) in favor of the following motion:

The Planning Board recommends to the Town Board that the parcels upon with the Seaboard Solar Operations are intended, per it pending application, that same are intended to be subdivided, be added to the Solar Overlay zone with the following findings and conditions:

1. The applicant must meet the requirements for 50% of the prime farmland.
2. The configuration as currently shown provides natural buffers to adjoining properties.
3. Set back and coverages appear to be met on this preliminary plan.
4. There do not appear to be significant view shed issues to neighboring parcels or passerby.
5. Mitigation of potential drainage caused by tree removal drainage appears to be mitigatable upon further engineering review; recommissioning plan may also address reforestation.
6. Appropriate subdivision will be required.
7. This application appears to meet the spirit of the solar local law, as it has been written.
8. This Board notes that there is a concern regarding the reduction of prime farmland soils, both in our Town and the State.
9. The local law provides that if this matter is granted Solar Overlay Zone approval from the Town Board, it will be referred back to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review where all of these issues will be further addressed, subject to final engineering and legals.