

Present: Legislators Bausch, Clattenburg, Stein, Dibble, Hilchey, Maha, Torrey. County Manager Gsell, Asst. County Manager Landers, County Attorney Earl, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, GCEDC staff Steve Hyde, Mark Masse, Rachael Tabela, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou

Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM in the Legislature Conference Room in the Old Court House.

GCEDC President Steve Hyde described the research the GCEDC staff has completed on PILOT and tax implications of solar energy systems. He reviewed a handout summarizing historical information on what NYS is doing and the direction the state wants to go with renewable energy.

Mr. Hyde described some aspects of Real Property Tax Law Section 487; it provides for a 15 year exemption from real property tax on increase in value. Local options are to take no action or opt-out by local law.

Mr. Hyde reviewed the GCEDC's recommendation for Genesee County taxing jurisdictions to encourage solar energy system development as a Best Fit option given the state/local strategy alignment along with local and environmental benefits, suggests the County remain "opted-In" and require PILOTS on large scale solar energy systems and lastly, have the GCEDC manage and administer PILOTS given that it is part of their core competencies.

A review of "next steps" included; reviewing the solar tax policy recommendation with GCEDC counsel, visit with other taxing jurisdictions including Town of Batavia, Pembroke CSD then meet with Cypress Creek Renewables, share with GAM then design a MOU between the County and GCEDC for PILOT administration.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.