AGENDA FREEPORT PLANNING BOARD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

6:00 PM

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ITEM I: Information Exchange

ITEM II: Approval of the minutes from the November 4, 2020 and January 6, 2021 Planning Board meetings.

ITEM III: Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Solar Energy Generation Systems- PUBLIC HEARING

This will be a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Freeport Zoning Ordinance regarding the new uses and standards for Solar Energy Generation Systems. New and amended definitions to Section 104. Definitions are proposed, including adding the new uses of: Solar Energy Generation System, Accessory; Solar Farm, Small; and, Solar Farm, Large.

The use of Solar Farm, Small is proposed to be added as a permitted use, subject to Site Plan Review, to the following zoning district Sections of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance (*areas of Freeport shown as dark gray on map on back of this agenda*): Section 402. Rural Residential District I and Rural Residential District IA; Section 403. Rural Residential District II; Section 405. Medium Density Residential District II; Section 411. Commercial District III; Section 420. Local Business District; Section 421. Industrial District I; and, Section 425. Resource Protection II.

The uses of both Solar Farm, Small and Solar Farm, Large are proposed to be added as permitted uses, subject to Site Plan Review, to the following zoning district Sections of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance, (areas of Freeport shown as light gray on map on back of this agenda): Section 406. Medium Density Districts; Section 409. Commercial District I; Section 412. Commercial District IV; and, Section 422. Industrial District II.

A new Section 534: Solar Energy Generation Systems will be added. Associated amendments to Section 602: Site Plan Review are also proposed.

Note: This amendment is being brought forward by the Planning Board upon a request from the Freeport Town Council for the Board to study solar uses.

ITEM IV: Persons wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items.

ITEM V: Adjourn.

