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Town of Shawangunk

Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the year 2017 entitled “Solar Energy Systems”

Be it enacted by the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK as follows:

I. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose and intent of this local law is to amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Shawangunk also known as Chapter 177 of the Code of the Town of Shawangunk to promote the efficient use of solar energy resources in such a manner that will ensure that solar energy systems will not adversely impact the fiscal stability, aesthetic qualities and other attributes of the Town.

The Town Board finds that this local law is in the public interest and will facilitate the development and operation of renewal energy systems based on sunlight. The Town Board further finds that when appropriately regulated, solar energy systems will be developed in a manner that protects important natural resources and scenic views associated with the Shawangunk Ridge and from the Shawangunk Mountain Scenic Byway and, furthermore, when developed on a limited basis on agricultural lands, solar energy systems will provide an important revenue source that will allow agricultural uses to continue within the Town.

II. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

This local law is authorized by the New York State Constitution including Article IX, Section 2, the relevant provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, the Statute of Local Governments, the Zoning Law and the local laws and land use regulations of the Town of Shawangunk and the general police power vested in the Town of Shawangunk to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town.