PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUNKIRK
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE MORATORIUM
MARCH 3,2026

The Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk held a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3,2026 at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Town of Dunkirk, New York with Supervisor Miller presiding.

PRESENT: Supervisor Miller
Councilmember Crane
Councilmember Leone
Councilmember Price
Councilmember Pagano

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Braden Carmen, Dunkirk Observer, Sue Hazelton, Irene Strychalski

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Miller.

Supervisor Miller stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider a proposed Local Law of the Town of Dunkirk for the year 2026 which would extend the existing 6-month moratorium, on the construction, maintenance, and placement of Battery Energy Storage Systems and equipment in the Town of Dunkirk.

Supervisor Miller stated that we received our 239 Referral back from the County and based on the review the proposed action would have no significant countywide or inter-community impact and that the proposal would be a matter of local concern.

Town Clerk, Rebecca Yacklon provided proof of posting and publication.

CORRESPONDENCE
None Received

BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION
Councilmember Leone stated things are moving along with the revisions to our Local Law and feel we need additional time to complete.

Councilmember Price stated that we need additional time to get all the additional requirements and information.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Sue Hazelton 5178 Woodlands shared some concerns with the board related to the disadvantages of the BESS systems. Some concerns were if there was ever a fire we would need to evacuate and would the value of our property go down if we were next to the systems. She also was concerned about who was going to benefit from having these systems from the energy being released regarding our bills.

Irene Strychalski 5170 W. Shorewood Dr. gave the board her opinion on the BESS system and she is not in favor of them. Her main concern is if they were to catch fire how would they get put out as there is no water where she lives. She also wanted to know where these systems would be allowed to go.

Councilmember Leone explained that water is not used to put out these fires - they must burn out and explained the difference between the residential versus the business systems.

Councilmember Price stated that we are working on the location of where they will be allowed.

With no further public comments, a motion was made by Councilmember Leone and seconded by Councilmember Price, to close the Public Hearing at 5:12 P.M. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon
Town Clerk