Minutes of October 13, 2026, Germantown Town Board public hearing on Local Law No. C of 2026, establishing a six month moratorium on Tier 3 Solar Energy Systems, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 6:51pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian
Councilmember Dufresne

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the public hearing on Local Law No. C of 2026 establishing a six month moratorium on Tier 3 Solar Energy Systems and asked if there were any comments from council.
Councilman Christian would like an explanation of version 2. Corinne said currently approved solar projects would be exempt from the moratorium.
Supervisor Helsley asked for public comments.
Councilman Sullivan said an email came in supporting the moratorium, which he forwarded to the Town Clerk.
Corinne wants this statement on the record. This was referred to the Columbia County Planning Board under section 239m of the General Municipal Law. They found the Town Board of the Town of Germantown can take final action with full majority vote.
John Salerno wants this on the record as well- he believes that Columbia County Agricultural Division was asked about the solar panel farm at Twin Ponds and they are very much against it. John also brought up for the record the stress and anxiety this has caused for homeowners including the homeowner that has the right of first refusal to buy the property currently in litigation. John thinks the moratorium should extend to unstarted but approved projects as well. John says he's only looking out for fiscal responsibility of the Town regarding upcoming lawsuits.
Councilman Christian asked if the Town Board would enact this law tonight does it start tonight? Corinne said the Local Law comes into effect once NYS officially receives and files it.
Supervisor Helsley said if there are no further comments asked for a motion to close the public hearing.
Motion to close the public hearing on Local Law No. C of 2026 establishing a six month

moratorium on Tier 3 Solar Energy Systems made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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