

**Approved Minutes
Solar Siting Task Force
Eighth Meeting January 5, 2016**

In Attendance:

Task Force Members:	Attending	Absent
Christopher Recchia (CR)	X	
Noelle MacKay (NM)	X	
Deb Markowitz designee Billy Coster (BC)	X	
Karen Horn (KH)	X	
Sharon Murray (SM)	X	
Adam Lougee (AL)	X	
Robert Dostis (RD)	X	
Mitch Lefevre (ML)	X	
Sam Swanson (SS)	X	
Andrew Raubvogel (AR)	X	

Meeting brought to order at 1:00 PM with Commissioner Recchia presiding.

- I. Introductions of the Committee members were made and Commissioner Recchia reviewed the agenda.
- II. Sam Swanson made a motion to approve the 12/17/15 meeting minutes. Sharon Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0, with two abstentions.
- III. Diane Bothfeld, Deputy Secretary for Dairy Policy for the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, presented on Agricultural Soils and Solar Energy, followed by Task Force Discussion.
- IV. The Task Force continued with its review of the matrix of issues and potential solutions particularly with respect to environment and aesthetics.
- V. Commissioner Recchia distributed draft recommendations related to items discussed at prior meetings for Task Force review and comment by the end of the week.
- VI. Public comment was taken from Pat Sagui of Westfield.
- VII. Billy Coster offered a motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Sharon Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.