Fiore-Rosenfeld Proposes Town Codes to Promote More Green Renewable Energy, Residential Solar and Wind Power Alternatives
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Two public hearings set to create a permit process for wind energy within the Town and waive assessment certificate fees for home installation of solar photo voltaic or solar hot water

Farmingville, NY - On December 18th, the Town Board adopted two resolutions sponsored by Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld to set public hearings for issues regarding green power and generating renewable energy within the Town of Brookhaven. The first of the two resolutions set a public hearing for the second Town Board meeting in January (tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2013) to discuss amending Chapter 29 of the Town Code to allow the waiving of Certificate of Assessment fees to one-family and two-family homes that have installed solar panels or hot water solar systems.

The second resolution sets a public hearing for the second meeting in February (tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2013) to amend Chapter 85 of the Town Code to provide regulations to allow the development and operation of wind energy conversion systems within all zoning districts of the Town. This proposal was made in accordance with the East End Wind Code, which was developed by the Towns of Riverhead, Southampton, East Hampton, and Southold, as well as LIPA and Suffolk County officials.

"The adoption of these green resolutions is another significant step in allowing our residents to use cutting-edge renewable, energy technology without the added financial hardship from fees and unclear permitting restrictions," said Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld. "By waiving Certificate of Assessment fees to install solar power technology and creating a clear, permanent process for wind power which protects the integrity of our communities, we will see green power renewable energy flourish throughout the town. This will allow our residents to acquire such green renewable technology more easily. I'm proud to stand with my colleagues in examining our options to make our community greener."

"A unified permitting process for small wind turbines makes sense and, in conjunction with attractive LIPA rebates, means that this clean energy technology will be more affordable and accessible to more people," said Gordian Raacke, executive director of Renewable Energy Long Island, a not-for-profit organization. "We commend Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld and the entire Town Board for taking this important step toward a clean energy future."

"GreenLogic applauds Town Councilman Steve Fiore Rosenfeld for being the first to consider the adoption of the standardized wind code on Long Island for the Town of Brookhaven. The needs and concerns of the community, the wind technology and the end user were carefully thought out in the creation of this code through a passionate collaboration of elected officials, LIPA, town planning experts and local wind installation companies. This code will allow local farmers, business and residents to create their own clean, cost effective power for themselves and create jobs and educational opportunities for the local community. A true Win - Wind situation."

"With Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld's leadership, Brookhaven continues to be at the forefront of the effort to create Long Island's clean energy future. I am particularly pleased that Brookhaven will be considering adopting the 'East End Wind Code' that was recently created by a Suffolk County Planning Commission expert taskforce with the support of the East End Towns. By working together, Suffolk's municipalities are creating regulations that are sensible and consistent and that support the development of our Long Island clean energy companies and the jobs they create."

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