

TOWN OF LYSANDER
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
8220 LOOP ROAD
Monday, April 27, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

The Town of Lysander Special Planning Board meeting was held Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. the Lysander Town Building, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Corey, Chairman; Hugh Kimball; Steve Darcangelo; Doug Beachel and Matt Hunt

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Yager, Town Engineer; Peter Hansen, Karen Rice and Katie Schiano, Clerks

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to Town Board: Proposed Local Law for a Temporary Six-Month Moratorium on Development or Construction of Data Storage Facilities with the Town of Lysander

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

The Planning Board convened at the request of the Town Board to review and provide a recommendation regarding proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026, which would establish a temporary six-month moratorium on the siting, development, and construction of data storage (data center) facilities within the Town.

DISCUSSION: John Corey, Chairman, explained that the intent of the moratorium is to allow the Town Board and Planning Board adequate time to research and better understand the impacts associated with data storage facilities prior to receiving any formal applications.

Board members discussed that:

- Data centers are a relatively new and evolving type of land use that may not have been fully contemplated under existing zoning regulations.
- There are several concerns and uncertainties surrounding data centers, including environmental, infrastructure, and operational impacts.
- Information available in the public domain may be inconsistent, reinforcing the need for further study.
- The purpose of the meeting was not to debate the merits of data centers, but to determine whether a temporary moratorium is appropriate to allow time for review.

Steve Darcangelo stated that we have zoning in the Township and when a parcel is zoned for a particular use, someone who would like to develop it for that, you should be allowed to. However, when you have an Industrial zone, and then something quite unique comes in and something that probably was not considered when the zoning was applied, for instance a solar farm, small nuclear reactors... that type of siting of that type of development was never considered when they considered an Industrial development because that type of industrial activity was not even known. Because I feel this falls into that category, I would support a moratorium to take the time to sit back and try to understand exactly how this fits, whether it fits into a typical industrial zoning and/or if there's a need to make special consideration for this type of development.

Hugh Kimball concurred adding that a moratorium on data centers in our Town makes sense to allow time to answer the problems with producing enough electricity to run them and where it gets produced and how much it is going to cost.

Members expressed support for the moratorium, noting that similar actions are being considered or implemented in other municipalities across the country. It was also discussed that additional clarity may be needed regarding the definition of "data storage center," although the term is commonly used.

Matt Hunt agreed, stating that we need to take the time to be able to understand this. We need to understand what we're dealing with. Having been part of the Comprehensive Land Use Committee that reviewed and revised the CLUP three or four years ago, this wasn't on anyone's radar at that time. We definitely need some time to know more about it and consider it and see how we can address it.

Further discussion emphasized the importance of understanding long-term impacts, including energy demands, infrastructure requirements, and compatibility with existing zoning. Members agreed that additional time would allow for informed decision-making.

RESOLUTION #1 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Kimball

RESOLVED, that at the request of the Town Board, the Planning Board, at its special meeting held on April 27, 2026, has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026, which establishes a temporary six-month moratorium on the development and construction of data storage facilities within the Town of Lysander; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board hereby recommends that the Town Board approve the proposed moratorium.

DISCUSSION:

It was noted that the Town Board may wish to further define the term "data storage center," though it is generally accepted as a widely used term.

5 Ayes -- 0 Noes

II. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION #2 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Beachel

RESOLVED that the April 27, 2026 special Planning Board meeting adjourn at 5:09 p.m.

5 Ayes -- 0 Noes

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Rice

Katie Schiano
Clerks to the Planning Board