

## **HBCAC 11/17/22 MEMBER VOTE**

A unanimous vote of members in attendance was taken.

The Hampton Bays CAC strongly advises the Town of Southampton Board Members to comply with the NYSERDA Model Law and related guidelines provided in the New York State Battery Energy Storage System Guidelines for Local Governments, most-recently updated in December 2020 and any future updates. This document contains information and step-by-step instructions to support local governments in New York in managing the development of residential, commercial, and utility-scale BESS in their communities.

Because this is a relatively new technology application it's imperative that our Town Board proactively and collaboratively engage with the Planning Board, Fire Safety, Police Services, and all Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) to ensure best practices, defined by the Model Law and related best practice guidelines, are implemented.

**Overview:** The Model Law is intended to help local government officials and AHJs adopt legislation and regulations to responsibly accommodate battery energy storage systems in their communities. The Model Law lays out procedural frameworks and substantive requirements for residential, commercial, and utility-scale battery energy storage systems.

Refer to the New York State Battery Energy Storage System Guidelines for Local Governments 2020 attachment for the complete contents of the Model Law.